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FOREWORD

On December 7, 1970, the doors of the district court were opened in seventeen North Carolina counties, thus completing a program of court reorganization which had its beginnings more than a decade ago. North Carolina now has a unified judicial system operating in all one hundred counties of the State. The unified judicial system consists of an Appellate Division composed of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals, a Superior Court Division, and a District Court Division.

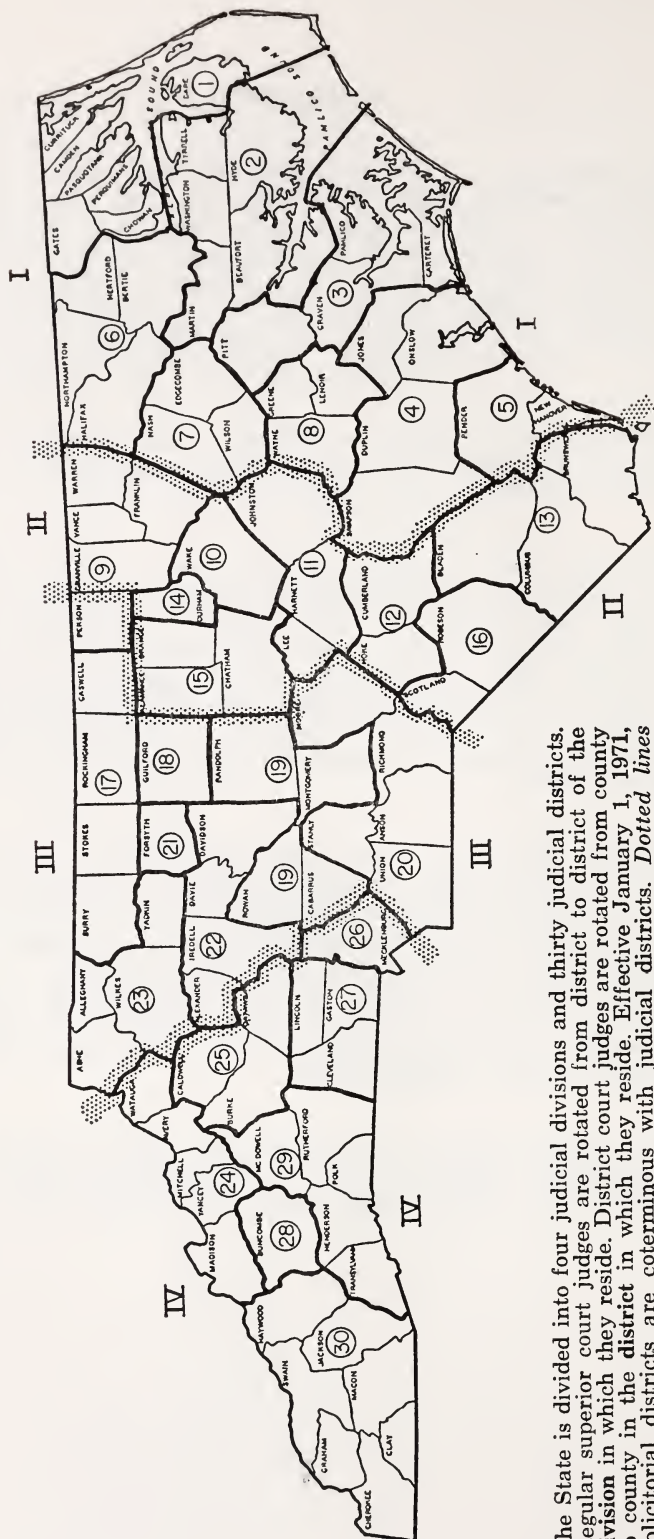
The system is unified for purposes of jurisdiction, operation and administration. All of the officers and personnel of the Judicial Department are employees of the State.

There are now 49 full-time superior court judges, 112 district court judges, 30 solicitors and 71 assistant solicitors, 2 public defenders and 5 assistant public defenders (serving in the 12th and 18th judicial district), 100 clerks of the superior court, approximately 500 magistrates, approximately 100 counselors (serving in ten judicial districts), 58 court reporters, and approximately 1,000 supporting personnel (primarily assistants, deputies and clerical personnel in the offices of clerks of the superior court).

There is much talk today about the "crisis" in the nation's courts. In many respects North Carolina anticipated this "crisis" and in the last decade removed many of the structural and organizational obstacles to an efficient and equitable system. Administrative reorganization by itself, however, is not the complete answer to quality in the administration of justice. The quality of justice must ultimately depend upon the quality of those who administer it. This subject must be conscientiously considered in the coming decade.

The statistical data in this report has been supplied to the Administrative Office by clerks of the superior court and Chief District Judges. Their cooperation is gratefully acknowledged.

NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL DIVISIONS AND DISTRICTS



The State is divided into four judicial divisions and thirty judicial districts. Regular superior court judges are rotated from district to district of the division in which they reside. District court judges are rotated from county to county in the district in which they reside. Effective January 1, 1971, solicitor districts are coterminous with judicial districts. Dotted lines separate judicial divisions; heavy black lines separate judicial districts.

THE APPELLATE DIVISION

The number of opinions filed by the Supreme Court in 1970 increased substantially over 1969. Sixty-seven opinions were filed in 1969 while 109 opinions were filed in 1970. Full opinions were written in 105 cases and four opinions were *per curiam*. Of these opinions, 55 dealt with criminal cases and 54 dealt with civil cases. Seventy-six per cent (42 opinions) of the criminal appeals were affirmed and 44% (24 opinions) of the civil appeals were affirmed. In the remaining cases the Supreme Court modified the decision from which the appeal was taken. The Supreme Court considered 154 petitions for *certiorari* from the Court of Appeals.

The Supreme Court's order of July, 1970 is causing an increase in the number of appeals docketed in that court. Pursuant to G.S. 7A-31(b)(4), the Court ordered direct transfer without consideration by the Court of Appeals of civil actions involving a governmental unit and criminal actions involving offenses for which the maximum punishment exceeds ten years imprisonment.

Nineteen and seventy is the first year in which a full complement of nine judges have occupied seats on the Court of Appeals for a complete twelve month period. According to data supplied by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, the number of opinions filed by that court has increased annually. Three hundred and ninety-two opinions were filed in 1968, 536 opinions were filed in 1969, and 602 opinions were filed in 1970. Pursuant to the order of the Supreme Court referred to above, 31 cases which were docketed in the Court of Appeals were transferred directly to the Supreme Court prior to consideration by the Court of Appeals.

JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT

Chief Justice

WILLIAM H. BOBBITT

Associate Justices

CARLISLE W. HIGGINS

SUSIE SHARP

I. BEVERLY LAKE

JOSEPH BRANCH

J. FRANK HUSKINS

DAN K. MOORE

Emergency Justices

EMERY B. DENNY

WILLIAM B. RODMAN, JR.

J. WILL PLESS, JR.

JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

Chief Judge

RAYMOND B. MALLARD

Associate Judges

HUGH B. CAMPBELL

WALTER E. BROCK

DAVID M. BRITT

NAOMI E. MORRIS

FRANK M. PARKER

R. A. HEDRICK

EARL W. VAUGHN

WILLIAM E. GRAHAM, JR.

THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

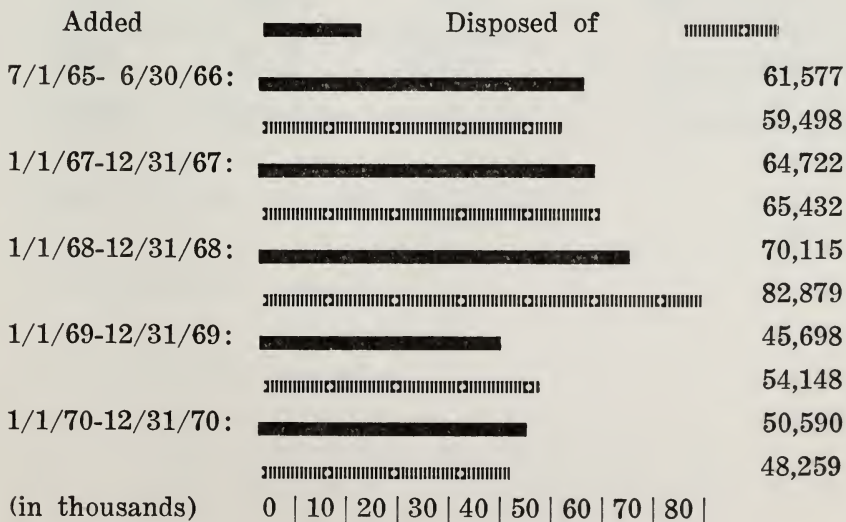
Nineteen and seventy marks the second year in which the district court system has been fully operational in 83 counties of the State. It was operational in all 100 counties for most of the month of December, 1970. After two years of operation in 83 counties, the impact of the district court upon the caseload of the superior court appears to have stabilized. The availability of the new district court was largely responsible for a decrease of 34.8% in the number of cases filed in the superior court in 1969, but in 1970 filings increased by almost 5,000 cases.

Filings in the superior court increased by 9.7%, dispositions decreased by 10.9%, and the number of cases pending at the end of the year increased by 7.6%. Although 50,590 cases were filed, only 48,259 were disposed of. The 48,259 cases counted as disposed of is a somewhat misleading figure in that a few thousand of these were transfers of pending superior court cases to the new district court in the seventeen counties where the new system was implemented in 1970. Consequently, the number of dispositions on the merits of the case was in fact less than 48,259.

Superior Court was scheduled for 121 fewer days than in 1969, but there was an increase of 60 days in the amount of court utilized. The percentage of court utilization increased from 78.5% to 80.3%.






TOTAL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1965 - December 31, 1970



TOTAL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1966 - December 31, 1970

7/ 1/66:		37,045
12/31/67:		48,495
12/31/68:		36,997
12/31/69:		28,631
12/31/70:		30,971
(in thousands)	0 9 18 27 36 45	

UTILIZATION OF SCHEDULED COURT

July 1, 1965 - December 31, 1970

	<i>Days Scheduled</i>	<i>Days Held</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
7/1/65- 6/30/66	9,129	7,462½	81.7
1/1/67-12/31/67	9,313	7,815	83.9
1/1/68-12/31/68	9,421	8,042	85.4
1/1/69-12/31/69	9,061½	7,118	78.5
1/1/70-12/31/70	8,940½	7,178½	80.3

SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL DOCKETS

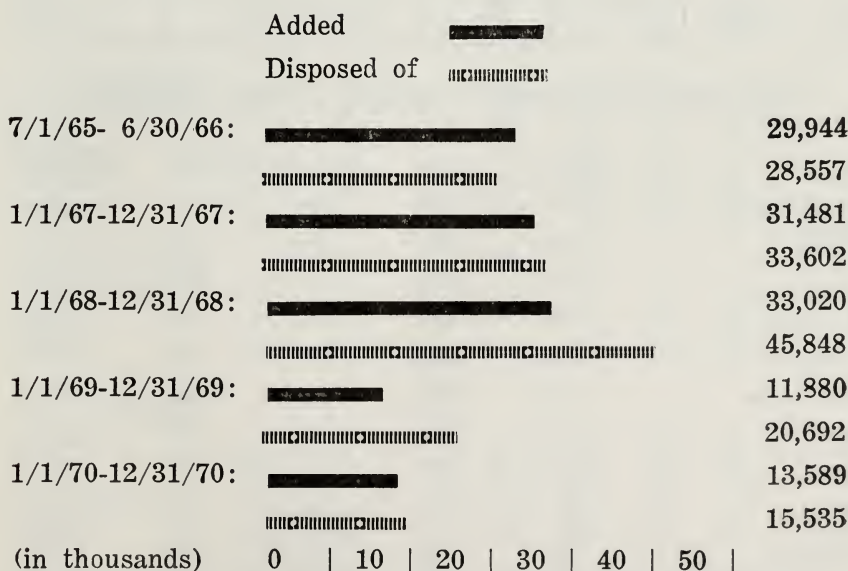
There was an increase of 12.6% in civil filings during 1970, but dispositions decreased by 25.0%. Nevertheless, the number of cases pending at the end of the year decreased by 12.2%.

The decrease in dispositions is perhaps affected by a reduction of the number of days of court scheduled and held. The number of days scheduled decreased by 9.8%, and the number of days actually held decreased by 7.8%. The percentage of court utilization increased from 71.9% to 73.5%.

The ten counties with the largest civil dockets accounted for 46.3% of the total pending civil cases. Fifty-nine counties had 100 or fewer cases pending and only seven counties had more than 500 cases pending. Four of the counties with the largest number of cases pending ranked below the statewide average for the amount of scheduled court which was utilized.

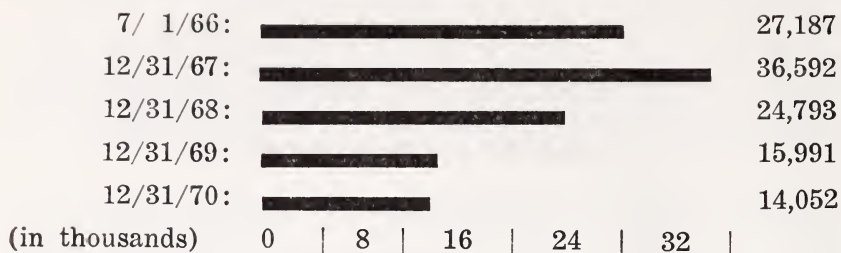
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July 1, 1965 - December 31, 1970



CIVIL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

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DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CIVIL CASES AMONG THE COUNTIES

Number of Cases Number of Counties 1969 1970	Less than 50	50-100	101-200	201-500	Over 500
	36	19	24	13	8
	37	22	25	9	7

TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CIVIL DOCKETS

County	Pending 1-1-70	Added	Disposed of	Pending 12-31-70	Utilization of Court
Mecklenburg	1,171	1,160	320	2,011	88.6%
Wake	611	428	402	637	88.6%
Lenoir	599	96	81	614	62.2%
Guilford	748	487	639	596	76.4%
Forsyth	663	428	501	590	92.3%
Buncombe	497	613	550	560	76.8%
Durham	649	203	318	534	65.3%
Gaston	386	266	270	382	65.8%
Rowan	190	1,019	907	302	90.0%
Harnett	275	118	100	293	70.9%
STATE MEAN	160	136	155	141	73.5%

CIVIL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

January 1, 1970 — December 31, 1970

<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>	Pending 1/1/70	Filed	Disposed of				Pending Gain or	
			Jury	Judge ¹	Other ¹	Total	12/31/70	Loss
Camden	13	5	0	5	7	12	6	— 7
Chowan	28	23	0	5	2	7	44	+ 16
Currituck	28	12	0	2	21	23	17	— 11
Dare	40	26	0	9	5	14	52	+ 12
Gates	23	8	0	6	3	9	22	— 1
Pasquotank	82	34	2	36	45	83	33	— 49
Perquimans	32	5	1	4	7	12	25	— 7
TOTAL	246	113	3	67	90	160	199	— 47

<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>								
Beaufort	118	37	8	59	25	92	63	— 55
Hyde	17	6	1	1	8	10	13	— 4
Martin	28	27	2	11	13	26	29	+ 1
Tyrrell	4	1	0	0	0	0	5	+ 1
Washington	16	15	2	0	9	11	20	+ 4
TOTAL	183	86	13	71	55	139	130	— 53

<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>								
Carteret	102	68	14	16	15	45	125	+ 23
Craven	119	127	2	23	29	54	192	+ 73
Pamlico	13	9	0	3	4	7	15	+ 2
Pitt	174	113	8	14	10	32	255	+ 81
TOTAL	408	317	24	56	58	138	587	+ 179

<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>								
Duplin	166	48	5	34	40	79	135	— 31
Jones	26	9	2	1	7	10	25	— 1
Onslow	135	67	2	28	31	61	141	+ 6
Sampson	109	71	6	41	19	66	114	+ 5
TOTAL	436	195	15	104	97	216	415	— 21

<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>								
New Hanover	271	150	30	113	93	236	185	— 86
Pender	57	13	0	2	8	10	60	+ 3
TOTAL	328	163	30	115	101	246	245	— 83

<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>								
Bertie	69	16	1	24	12	37	48	— 21
Halifax	263	50	1	35	17	53	260	— 3
Hertford	34	24	1	11	11	23	35	+ 1
Northampton	56	9	2	6	4	12	53	— 3
TOTAL	422	99	5	76	44	125	396	— 26

1. Includes some pending superior court cases which were transferred to the district court division after its establishment in seventeen counties in December of 1970. The figures therefore appear unusually high for some counties, e.g., Cabarrus County.

	Pending 1/1/70	Filed	Disposed of				Pending Gain or 12/31/70 Loss		
			Jury	Judge ¹	Other ¹	Total			
7TH DISTRICT									
Edgecombe	62	38	3	31	20	54	46	—	16
Nash	112	107	15	38	34	87	132	+	20
Wilson	191	67	1	37	25	63	195	+	4
TOTAL	365	212	19	106	79	204	373	+	8
8TH DISTRICT									
Greene	52	16	1	3	35	39	29	—	23
Lenoir	599	96	18	43	20	81	614	+	15
Wayne	168	146	4	44	43	91	223	+	55
TOTAL	819	258	23	90	98	211	866	+	47
9TH DISTRICT									
Franklin	210	67	3	15	12	30	247	+	37
Granville	193	31	9	23	11	43	181	—	12
Person	26	32	5	20	8	33	25	—	1
Vance	46	43	2	5	20	27	62	+	16
Warren	18	113	2	6	37	45	86	+	68
TOTAL	493	286	21	69	88	178	601	+	108
10TH DISTRICT									
Wake	611	428	45	177	180	402	637	+	26
11TH DISTRICT									
Harnett	275	118	5	40	55	100	293	+	18
Johnston	175	108	20	53	46	119	164	—	11
Lee	74	44	4	16	28	48	70	—	4
TOTAL	524	270	29	109	129	267	527	+	3
12TH DISTRICT									
Cumberland	294	232	15	97	130	242	284	—	10
Hoke	50	16	1	12	2	15	51	+	1
TOTAL	344	248	16	109	132	257	335	—	9
13TH DISTRICT									
Bladen	42	20	0	5	8	13	49	+	7
Brunswick	139	43	7	15	0	22	160	+	21
Columbus	187	39	16	26	31	73	153	—	34
TOTAL	368	102	23	46	39	108	362	—	6
14TH DISTRICT									
Durham	649	203	19	17	282	318	534	—	115
15TH DISTRICT									
Alamance	131	106	11	33	61	105	132	+	1
Chatham	68	33	0	38	6	44	57	—	11
Orange	127	65	4	67	16	87	105	—	22
TOTAL	326	204	15	138	83	236	294	—	32

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16TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/70	Filed	Disposed of				Pending Gain or		
			Jury	Judge ¹	Other ¹	Total	12/31/70	Loss	
Robeson	110	78	17	40	40	97	91	—	19
Scotland	64	13	1	14	11	26	51	—	13
TOTAL	174	91	18	54	51	123	142	—	32

17TH DISTRICT

Caswell	17	51	3	18	13	34	34	+	17
Rockingham	411	507	36	224	528	788	130	—	281
Stokes	78	123	8	100	5	113	88	+	10
Surry	340	444	22	140	506	668	116	—	224
TOTAL	846	1,125	69	482	1,052	1,603	368	—	478

18TH DISTRICT

Guilford—									
Greensboro	550	391	41	308	141	490	451	—	99
High Point	198	96	18	71	60	149	145	—	53
TOTAL	748	487	59	379	201	639	596	—	152

19TH DISTRICT

Cabarrus	624	844	40	306	1,008	1,354	114	—	510
Montgomery	44	77	5	50	32	87	34	—	10
Randolph	494	462	25	106	591	722	234	—	260
Rowan	190	1,019	23	724	160	907	302	+	112
TOTAL	1,352	2,402	93	1,186	1,791	3,070	684	—	668

20TH DISTRICT

Moore	91	41	5	30	20	55	77	—	14
Anson	19	20	1	18	4	23	16	—	3
Richmond	115	49	12	35	14	61	103	—	12
Stanly	58	19	3	32	17	52	25	—	33
Union	50	89	14	32	31	77	62	+	12
TOTAL	333	218	35	147	86	268	283	—	50

21ST DISTRICT

Forsyth	663	428	70	304	127	501	590	—	73
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22ND DISTRICT

Alexander	47	63	6	30	31	67	43	—	4
Davidson	419	606	36	232	619	887	138	—	281
Davie	72	153	5	90	104	199	26	—	46
Iredell	594	613	25	280	782	1,087	120	—	474
TOTAL	1,132	1,435	72	632	1,536	2,240	327	—	805

23RD DISTRICT

Alleghany	31	50	7	21	48	76	5	—	26
Ashe	26	51	3	31	11	45	32	+	6
Wilkes	492	687	33	639	363	1,035	144	—	348
Yadkin	195	102	1	119	81	201	96	—	99
TOTAL	744	890	44	810	503	1,357	277	—	467

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24TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/70	Filed	Disposed of				Pending Gain or	
			Jury	Judge ¹	Other ¹	Total	12/31/70	Loss
Avery	18	10	1	7	10	18	10	8
Madison	33	28	10	23	15	48	13	20
Mitchell	18	4	4	11	0	15	7	11
Watauga	11	21	0	10	3	13	19	8
Yancey	52	42	1	3	28	32	62	10
TOTAL	132	105	16	54	56	126	111	21

25TH DISTRICT

Burke	83	101	6	59	26	91	93	10
Caldwell	79	85	8	46	35	89	75	4
Catawba	203	67	8	57	34	99	171	32
TOTAL	365	253	22	162	95	279	339	26

26TH DISTRICT

Mecklenburg	1,171	1,160	41	119	160	320	2,011	840
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27TH DISTRICT

Cleveland	197	49	7	89	20	116	130	67
Gaston	386	266	32	157	81	270	382	4
Lincoln	36	28	2	13	11	26	38	2
TOTAL	619	343	41	259	112	412	550	69

28TH DISTRICT

Buncombe	497	613	79	396	75	550	560	63
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29TH DISTRICT

Henderson	166	520	7	331	154	492	194	28
McDowell	67	29	9	5	15	29	67	0
Polk	28	20	4	16	4	24	24	4
Rutherford	103	78	6	52	17	75	106	3
Transylvania	19	18	2	7	6	15	22	3
TOTAL	383	665	28	411	196	635	413	30

30TH DISTRICT

Cherokee	33	24	12	15	6	33	24	9
Clay	15	2	0	4	4	8	9	6
Graham	15	7	1	2	1	4	18	3
Haywood	82	45	2	21	15	38	89	7
Jackson	113	35	5	43	46	94	54	59
Macon	34	53	3	9	2	14	73	39
Swain	25	24	3	10	3	16	33	8
TOTAL	317	190	26	104	77	207	300	17

GRAND

TOTAL	15,998	13,589	1,013	6,849	7,673	15,535	14,052	-1,946
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Per Cent

6.6 44.0 49.4 100%

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UTILIZATION OF CIVIL SUPERIOR COURT TERMS BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

1970 Calendar Year

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
<i><u>1ST DISTRICT</u></i>				
Camden	5	1	4	20.0
Chowan	0	0	0	0
Currituck	10	6	4	60.0
Dare	10	4½	5½	45.0
Gates	5	0	5	0
Pasquotank	30	15	15	50.0
Perquimans	10½	3½	7	33.3
TOTAL	70½	30	40½	42.6
<i><u>2ND DISTRICT</u></i>				
Beaufort	40	23	17	57.5
Hyde	5	5	0	100.0
Martin	20	7	13	35.0
Tyrrell	2	1	1	50.0
Washington	14	4	10	28.6
TOTAL	81	40	41	49.4
<i><u>3RD DISTRICT</u></i>				
Carteret	48	27½	20½	57.3
Craven	29	19	10	65.5
Pamlico	2	1	1	50.0
Pitt	25	20	5	80.0
TOTAL	104	67½	36½	64.9
<i><u>4TH DISTRICT</u></i>				
Duplin	25	12½	12½	50.0
Jones	10	5½	4½	55.0
Onslow	35	13	22	37.1
Sampson	25	13½	11½	54.0
TOTAL	95	44½	50½	46.8
<i><u>5TH DISTRICT</u></i>				
New Hanover	110	63½	46½	57.7
Pender	15	8½	6½	56.7
TOTAL	125	72	53	57.6
<i><u>6TH DISTRICT</u></i>				
Bertie	17	6½	10½	38.2
Halifax	30	17½	12½	58.3
Hertford	17	4½	12½	26.5
Northampton	15	11½	3½	76.7
TOTAL	79	40	39	50.6
<i><u>7TH DISTRICT</u></i>				
Edgecombe	25	17	8	68.0
Nash	55	40½	14½	73.6
Wilson	43	32	11	74.4
TOTAL	123	89½	33½	72.8

<i>8TH DISTRICT</i>	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Greene	14	2½	11½	17.9
Lenoir	45	28	17	62.2
Wayne	55	44	11	80.0
TOTAL	114	74½	39½	65.4
<i>9TH DISTRICT</i>				
Franklin	25	21	4	84.0
Granville	20	16	4	80.0
Person	25	15½	9½	62.0
Vance	20	16	4	80.0
Warren	10	4	6	40.0
TOTAL	100	72½	27½	72.5
<i>10TH DISTRICT</i>				
Wake	201	178	23	88.6
<i>11TH DISTRICT</i>				
Harnett	55	39	16	70.9
Johnston	65	54	11	83.1
Lee	30	12	18	40.0
TOTAL	150	105	45	70.0
<i>12TH DISTRICT</i>				
Cumberland	88	62½	25½	71.0
Hoke	5	4	1	80.0
TOTAL	93	66½	26½	71.5
<i>13TH DISTRICT</i>				
Bladen	15	6½	8½	43.3
Brunswick	26	16	10	61.5
Columbus	50	40½	9½	81.0
TOTAL	91	63	28	69.2
<i>14TH DISTRICT</i>				
Durham	95	62	33	65.3
<i>15TH DISTRICT</i>				
Alamance	50	37	13	74.0
Chatham	20	9½	10½	47.5
Orange	35	24	11	68.6
TOTAL	105	70½	34½	67.1
<i>16TH DISTRICT</i>				
Robeson	55	42	13	76.4
Scotland	20	12	8	60.0
TOTAL	75	54	21	72.0

17TH DISTRICT

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Caswell	10	5½	4½	55.0
Rockingham	53	40	13	75.5
Stokes	5	2	3	40.0
Surry	40	20½	19½	51.3
TOTAL	108	68	40	63.0

18TH DISTRICT

Guilford	278	212½	65½	76.4
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19TH DISTRICT

Cabarrus	69	46	23	66.7
Montgomery	10	7	3	70.0
Randolph	85	72½	12½	85.3
Rowan	50	45	5	90.0
TOTAL	214	170½	43½	79.7

20TH DISTRICT

Anson	25	14	11	56.0
Moore	25	13	12	52.0
Richmond	40	23	17	57.5
Stanly	15	12	3	80.0
Union	25	23	2	92.0
TOTAL	130	85	45	65.4

21ST DISTRICT

Forsyth	234	216	18	92.3
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22ND DISTRICT

Alexander	6½	4½	2	69.2
Davidson	95	82	13	86.3
Davie	14½	13	1½	89.7
Iredell	48	44½	3½	92.7
TOTAL	164	144	20	87.8

23RD DISTRICT

Alleghany	6	4½	1½	75.0
Ashe	10	1½	8½	15.0
Wilkes	60	41	19	68.3
Yadkin	13	8	5	61.5
TOTAL	89	55	34	61.8

24TH DISTRICT

Avery	12	8	4	66.6
Madison	13	7	6	53.9
Mitchell	10	5	5	50.0
Watauga	10	5	5	50.0
Yancey	10	2	8	20.0
TOTAL	55	27	28	49.1

<i>25TH DISTRICT</i>	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Burke	20	20	0	100.0
Caldwell	30	22	8	73.3
Catawba	40	32	8	80.0
TOTAL	90	74	16	82.2
<i>26TH DISTRICT</i>				
Mecklenburg	447	395	52	88.6
<i>27TH DISTRICT</i>				
Cleveland	48	42	6	87.5
Gaston	95	62½	32½	65.8
Lincoln	10	8	2	80.0
TOTAL	153	112½	40½	73.5
<i>28TH DISTRICT</i>				
Buncombe	250	192	58	76.8
<i>29TH DISTRICT</i>				
Henderson	50	45	5	90.0
McDowell	20	13	7	65.0
Polk	10	6	4	60.0
Rutherford	30	24	6	80.0
Transylvania	15	8	7	53.3
TOTAL	125	96	29	76.8
<i>30TH DISTRICT</i>				
Cherokee	10	4½	5½	45.0
Clay	2	1	1	50.0
Graham	7	3	4	42.9
Haywood	30	18	12	60.0
Jackson	16	14	2	87.5
Macon	17	9	8	53.0
Swain	9	9	0	100.0
TOTAL	91	58½	32½	64.3
GRAND TOTAL	4,129½	3,035½	1,094	73½

SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL DOCKETS

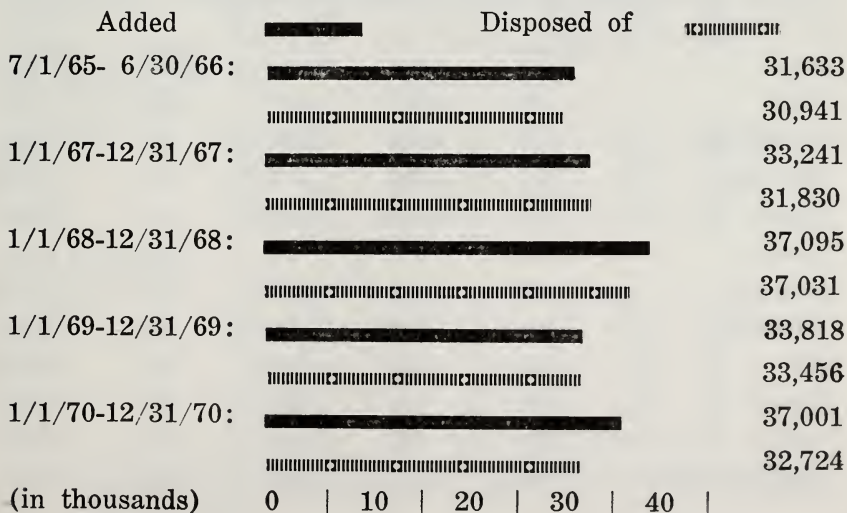
An examination of the criminal statistics for the superior court indicates some cause for concern. In recent years the superior court has been able to dispose of approximately the same number of cases that were added to its docket, with only minor increases in its backlog of cases. The 1970 statistics suggest a reversal of this trend.

Although 37,001 criminal actions were filed in 1970, the court was able to dispose of only 32,724. Consequently, the number of cases pending at the end of the year increased from 12,640 in 1969 to 16,919 in 1970. As compared to 1969, filings increased by 8.7%, dispositions decreased by 2.2%, and the number of cases pending at the end of the year increased by 25.3%. The number of days of court scheduled in 1970 increased by 6.8% and the number of days actually held increased by 7.6%.

The distribution of pending criminal cases among the counties resembles the distribution for civil cases. Most of the counties have relatively few pending cases, while a few counties have a large number. Fifty-four counties had 100 or fewer cases pending at the end of the year and only seven counties had more than 500 pending. The ten counties with the largest criminal dockets accounted for 38.9% of the total pending criminal cases. Three of these counties ranked below the statewide average for the amount of scheduled court which was utilized.






CRIMINAL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1965 - December 31, 1970



CRIMINAL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1966 - December 31, 1970

7/ 1/66:		9,858
12/31/67:		11,903
12/31/68:		12,204
12/31/69:		12,640
12/31/70:		16,919
(in thousands)	0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16	

DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CRIMINAL CASES AMONG THE COUNTIES

Number of Cases Number of Counties 1969	Less than 50	50-100	101-200	201-500	Over 500
	40	24	16	15	5
1970	31	23	20	19	7

TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CRIMINAL DOCKETS

County	Pending 1-1-70	Added	Disposed of	Pending 12-31-70	Utilization of Court
Wake	657	1,707	1,417	947	97.6%
Mecklenburg	163	2,740	2,029	874	87.9%
Cabarrus	511	1,036	777	770	98.0%
Iredell	524	1,066	850	740	86.4%
Rowan	567	542	401	708	97.5%
Guilford	668	2,121	2,187	602	79.3%
Randolph	341	570	388	523	90.9%
Pitt	214	720	453	481	85.0%
Craven	308	412	243	477	80.0%
Wayne	431	765	724	472	90.5%
STATE MEAN	126	370	327	169	86.1%

**CRIMINAL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND
DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS
BY SOLICITORIAL DISTRICTS***

January 1, 1970 — December 31, 1970

	Pending 1/1/70	Filed	Disposed of				Pending 12/31/70	Gain or Loss	
			Jury	Plea	Other	Total			
<i>1ST DISTRICT</i>									
Beaufort	92	261	45	128	75	248	105	+	13
Camden	7	39	8	15	3	26	20	+	13
Chowan	63	207	20	93	83	196	74	+	11
Currituck	29	87	14	27	7	48	68	+	39
Dare	30	215	12	75	28	115	130	+	100
Gates	33	21	4	19	22	45	9	—	24
Hyde	6	39	6	10	3	19	26	+	20
Pasquotank	34	219	15	94	40	149	104	+	70
Perquimans	19	37	19	15	13	47	9	—	10
Tyrrell	17	34	4	14	5	23	28	+	11
TOTAL	330	1,159	147	490	279	916	573	+	243

<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>									
Edgecombe	83	394	16	246	103	365	112	+	29
Martin	23	154	12	70	42	124	53	+	30
Nash	97	728	28	426	173	627	198	+	101
Washington	16	54	6	23	12	41	29	+	13
Wilson	111	737	52	349	177	578	270	+	159
TOTAL	330	2,067	114	1,114	507	1,735	662	+	332

<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>									
Bertie	12	73	3	43	22	68	17	+	5
Granville	86	277	10	155	90	255	108	+	22
Halifax	45	269	21	112	105	238	76	+	31
Hertford	35	58	9	39	18	66	27	—	8
Northampton	21	42	4	15	19	38	25	+	4
Vance	119	385	14	230	125	369	135	+	16
Warren	55	152	11	75	53	139	68	+	13
TOTAL	373	1,256	72	669	432	1,173	456	+	83

<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>									
Harnett	149	162	13	85	113	211	100	—	49
Johnston	106	359	28	159	171	358	107	+	1
Lee	88	170	42	58	35	135	123	+	35
Wayne	431	765	39	411	274	724	472	+	41
TOTAL	774	1,456	122	713	593	1,428	802	+	28

<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>									
Carteret	210	277	3	86	65	154	333	+	123
Craven	308	412	26	126	91	243	477	+	169
Greene	32	111	17	81	21	119	24	—	8
Jones	8	25	5	17	8	30	3	—	5
Pamlico	25	31	2	17	5	24	32	+	7
Pitt	214	720	34	246	173	453	481	+	267
TOTAL	797	1,576	87	573	363	1,023	1,350	+	553

* This table is set out according to the solicitorial districts which were effective through December 31, 1970. Effective January 1, 1971, solicitorial districts are coterminous with judicial districts.

6TH DISTRICT	Pending	Filed	Disposed of				Pending	Gain or	Loss
	1/1/70		Jury	Plea	Other	Total	12/31/70		
Duplin	58	97	22	102	17	141	14	—	44
Lenoir	65	487	86	225	163	474	78	+	13
Onslow	97	170	45	120	49	214	53	—	44
Sampson	65	212	29	121	40	190	87	+	22
TOTAL	285	966	182	568	269	1,019	232	—	53
7TH DISTRICT									
Franklin	199	284	19	178	45	242	241	+	42
Wake	657	1,707	247	823	347	1,417	947	+	290
TOTAL	856	1,991	266	1,001	392	1,659	1,188	+	332
8TH DISTRICT									
Brunswick	39	84	6	51	4	61	62	+	23
Columbus	79	116	12	123	29	164	31	—	48
New Hanover	352	1,125	97	711	364	1,172	305	—	47
Pender	70	136	13	102	38	153	53	—	17
TOTAL	540	1,461	128	987	435	1,550	451	—	89
9TH DISTRICT									
Cumberland	443	1,057	145	381	503	1,029	471	+	28
Hoke	31	162	21	74	49	144	49	+	18
TOTAL	474	1,219	166	455	552	1,173	520	+	46
9TH-A DISTRICT									
Bladen	36	217	17	105	71	193	60	+	24
Robeson	202	664	91	398	145	634	232	+	30
TOTAL	238	881	108	503	216	827	292	+	54
10TH DISTRICT									
Durham	175	851	133	511	339	983	43	—	132
10TH-A DISTRICT									
Alamance	137	813	46	343	192	581	369	+	232
Chatham	91	166	19	79	68	166	91	—	0
Orange	28	584	22	156	156	334	278	+	250
Person	40	246	12	135	57	204	82	+	42
TOTAL	296	1,809	99	713	473	1,285	820	+	524
11TH DISTRICT									
Alleghany	17	250	4	193	43	240	27	+	10
Ashe	30	257	0	219	37	256	31	+	1
Forsyth	147	1,599	128	741	566	1,435	311	+	164
TOTAL	194	2,106	132	1,153	646	1,931	369	+	175
12TH DISTRICT									
Davidson	329	664	22	243	273	538	455	+	126
Guilford									
Greensboro	548	1,782	77	1,009	754	1,840	490	—	58
High Point	120	339	38	154	155	347	112	—	8
TOTAL	997	2,785	137	1,406	1,182	2,725	1,057	+	60

13TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/70	Filed	Disposed of				Pending 12/31/70	Gain or Loss
			Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
Anson	67	276	20	98	51	169	174	+ 107
Moore	93	291	18	135	91	244	140	+ 47
Richmond	119	304	23	133	112	268	155	+ 36
Scotland	80	308	18	168	80	266	122	+ 42
Stanly	76	436	16	164	70	250	262	+ 186
Union	269	348	30	163	70	263	354	+ 85
TOTAL	704	1,963	125	861	474	1,460	1,207	+ 503

14TH DISTRICT

Gaston	228	564	91	248	166	505	287	+	59
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14TH-A DISTRICT

Mecklenburg	163	2,740	150	1,082	797	2,029	874	+	711
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15TH DISTRICT

Alexander	140	204	6	201	8	215	129	—	11
Cabarrus	511	1,036	86	353	338	777	770	+	259
Iredell	524	1,066	36	354	460	850	740	+	216
Montgomery	76	124	33	90	35	158	42	—	34
Randolph	341	570	42	134	212	388	523	+	182
Rowan	567	542	16	180	205	401	708	+	141
TOTAL	2,159	3,542	219	1,312	1,258	2,789	2,912	+	753

16TH DISTRICT

Burke	280	256	60	238	83	381	155	—	125
Caldwell	146	489	68	261	143	472	163	+	17
Catawba	399	488	79	524	182	785	102	—	297
Cleveland	102	179	41	123	93	257	24	—	78
Lincoln	89	174	26	90	12	128	135	+	46
Watauga	67	72	18	25	50	93	46	—	21
TOTAL	1,083	1,658	292	1,261	563	2,116	625	—	458

17TH DISTRICT

Avery	44	68	17	36	16	69	43	—	1
Davie	44	134	24	29	54	107	71	+	27
Mitchell	23	48	16	14	0	30	41	+	18
Wilkes	17	341	35	143	135	313	45	+	28
Yadkin	10	81	15	28	19	62	29	+	19
TOTAL	138	672	107	250	224	581	229	+	91

18TH DISTRICT

Henderson	148	215	19	76	104	199	164	+	16
McDowell	118	146	36	71	93	200	64	—	54
Polk	48	71	5	43	18	66	53	+	5
Rutherford	36	351	27	114	196	337	50	+	14
Transylvania	17	138	15	36	34	85	70	+	53
Yancey	15	45	11	7	23	41	19	+	4
TOTAL	382	966	113	347	468	928	420	+	38

19TH DISTRICT	Pending 1/1/70	Filed	Disposed of				Pending 12/31/70	Gain or Loss	
			Jury	Plea	Other	Total			
Buncombe	299	880	115	321	342	778	401	+	102
Madison	36	97	17	14	30	61	72	+	36
TOTAL	335	977	132	335	372	839	473	+	138
20TH DISTRICT									
Cherokee	48	72	2	45	21	68	52	+	4
Clay	8	16	2	0	5	7	17	+	9
Graham	16	37	2	19	6	27	26	+	10
Haywood	99	356	8	209	134	351	104	+	5
Jackson	24	96	6	27	41	74	46	+	22
Macon	8	44	2	19	14	35	17	+	9
Swain	30	22	2	19	18	39	13	—	17
TOTAL	233	643	24	338	239	601	275	+	42
21ST DISTRICT									
Caswell	70	105	4	64	14	82	93	+	23
Rockingham	245	1,101	37	594	292	923	423	+	178
Stokes	55	112	19	61	24	104	63	+	8
Surry	188	375	18	219	103	340	223	+	35
TOTAL	558	1,693	78	938	433	1,449	802	+	244
GRAND TOTAL	12,642	37,001	3,224	17,828	11,672	32,724	16,919	+	4,277
Per cent			9.8	54.5	35.7	100%			

UTILIZATION OF CRIMINAL SUPERIOR COURT TERMS BY SOLICITORIAL DISTRICTS*

1970 Calendar Year

<i>1ST DISTRICT</i>	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Beaufort	40	35	5	87.5
Camden	10	9	1	90.0
Chowan	22	22	0	100.0
Currituck	5	5	0	100.0
Dare	20	18½	1½	92.5
Gates	10	6	4	60.0
Hyde	10	10	0	100.0
Pasquotank	30	28	2	93.3
Perquimans	14½	14½	0	100.0
Tyrrell	8	6	2	75.0
TOTAL	169½	154	15½	90.9
<i>2ND DISTRICT</i>				
Edgecombe	45	37½	7½	83.3
Martin	15	15	0	100.0
Nash	44	41	3	93.2
Washington	6	5½	½	91.7
Wilson	55	54	1	98.2
TOTAL	165	153	12	92.7
<i>3RD DISTRICT</i>				
Bertie	18	12½	5½	69.4
Granville	30	27½	2½	91.7
Halifax	35	28½	6½	81.4
Hertford	20	13½	6½	67.5
Northampton	14	12	2	85.7
Vance	29	23	6	79.3
Warren	15	12	3	80.0
TOTAL	161	129	32	80.1
<i>4TH DISTRICT</i>				
Harnett	30	26	4	86.7
Johnston	35	29	6	82.9
Lee	20	17	3	85.0
Wayne	79	71½	7½	90.5
TOTAL	164	143½	20½	87.5
<i>5TH DISTRICT</i>				
Carteret	10	10	0	100.0
Craven	55	44	11	80.0
Greene	16	11	5	68.8
Jones	10	4½	5½	45.0
Pamlico	13	3½	9½	26.9
Pitt	90	76½	13½	85.0
TOTAL	194	149½	44½	77.1

* This table is set out according to the solicitorial districts which were effective through December 31, 1970. Effective January 1, 1971, solicitorial districts are coterminous with judicial districts.

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
6TH DISTRICT				
Duplin	35	19½	15½	55.7
Lenoir	70	53	17	75.7
Onslow	63	49	14	77.8
Sampson	30	22	8	73.3
TOTAL	198	143½	54½	72.5
7TH DISTRICT				
Franklin	35	32	3	91.4
Wake	286	279	7	97.6
TOTAL	321	311	10	96.9
8TH DISTRICT				
Brunswick	14	12	2	85.7
Columbus	43	35	8	81.4
New Hanover	113	94½	18½	83.6
Pender	20	18	2	90.0
TOTAL	190	159½	30½	83.9
9TH DISTRICT				
Cumberland	204	192	12	94.1
Hoke	20	17	3	85.0
TOTAL	224	209	15	93.3
9TH-A DISTRICT				
Bladen	15	13	2	86.7
Robeson	103	103	0	100.0
TOTAL	118	116	2	98.3
10TH DISTRICT				
Durham	190	165½	24½	87.1
10TH-A DISTRICT				
Alamance	65	64	1	98.5
Chatham	15	13	2	86.7
Orange	45	42½	2½	94.4
Person	20	16	4	80.0
TOTAL	145	135½	9½	93.4
11TH DISTRICT				
Alleghany	8½	6	2½	70.6
Ashe	15	9½	5½	63.3
Forsyth	189	181	8	95.8
TOTAL	212½	196½	16	92.5
12TH DISTRICT				
Davidson	55	52	3	94.5
Guilford	283	224½	58½	79.3
TOTAL	338	276½	61½	81.8

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>				
Anson	25	21½	3½	86.0
Moore	25	25	0	100.0
Richmond	29	28	1	96.6
Scotland	25	25	0	100.0
Stanly	23	21	2	91.3
Union	30	27½	2½	91.7
TOTAL	157	148	9	94.3

14TH DISTRICT

Gaston	174	143	31	82.2
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14TH-A DISTRICT

Mecklenburg	472	415	57	87.9
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15TH DISTRICT

Alexander	8½	7½	1	88.2
Cabarrus	50	49	1	98.0
Iredell	44	38	6	86.4
Montgomery	20	14½	5½	72.5
Randolph	44	40	4	90.9
Rowan	40	39	1	97.5
TOTAL	206½	188	18½	91.0

16TH DISTRICT

Burke	50	43	7	86.0
Caldwell	60	53	7	88.3
Catawba	85	82	3	96.5
Cleveland	50	42	8	84.0
Lincoln	25	21	4	84.0
Watauga	20	17	3	85.0
TOTAL	290	258	32	89.0

17TH DISTRICT

Avery	23	18	5	78.3
Davie	15½	14½	1	93.5
Mitchell	10	7	3	70.0
Wilkes	40	37	3	92.5
Yadkin	20	10½	9½	52.5
TOTAL	108½	87	21½	80.2

18TH DISTRICT

Henderson	25	21	4	84.0
McDowell	35	28	7	80.0
Polk	10	8½	1½	85.0
Rutherford	35	30	5	85.7
Transylvania	28	20	8	71.4
Yancey	10	4½	5½	45.0
TOTAL	143	112	31	78.3

19TH DISTRICT

Buncombe	195	153	42	78.5
Madison	45	40	5	88.9
TOTAL	240	193	47	80.4

20TH DISTRICT

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Cherokee	15	5½	9½	36.7
Clay	8	3	5	37.5
Graham	8	4	4	50.0
Haywood	35	19	16	54.3
Jackson	14	9	5	64.3
Macon	8	3	5	37.5
Swain	11	5	6	45.5
TOTAL	99	48½	50½	49.0

21ST DISTRICT

Caswell	10	6½	3½	65.0
Rockingham	71	68	3	95.8
Stokes	15	10	5	66.7
Surry	35	24	11	68.6
TOTAL	131	108½	22½	82.8
GRAND TOTAL	4,811	4,143	668	86.1

THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

The district court system has now been activated in all 100 counties. It has been operational in 83 counties of the State for a full two year period, and for the first time it is possible to compare activity in the district court from one year to another. Not surprisingly, the 1970 data indicates an increase in every measure of district court activity when compared to 1969.

In 1970, the district court held 5,885 days of civil court and 10,670 days of criminal court. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is authorized to transfer a district judge from one district to another for temporary or specialized duty. During this year, judges held a total of 237 days of court in judicial districts other than their own. Judges were assigned out of their district for only 133 days in 1969.

With the exception of the table on page 60, all of the tables and graphs which follow report data from the 83 counties which have been in the system for the full two year period. The table on page 60 simply gives the number of cases pending at the end of the year in the 17 counties activated on December 7, 1970.

DISTRICT COURT CIVIL DOCKETS

As compared to 1969, filings increased by 16.9%, dispositions increased by 18.9% and the number of cases pending at the end of the year increased by 14.3%.

The ten counties with the largest civil dockets accounted for 52.7% of the total civil cases pending at the end of 1970. Forty-seven counties had less than 300 cases pending and only 11 counties had more than 1,000 cases pending.

The statistical breakdown for the types of cases handled and the manner of disposition indicates little change from 1969. Small claims cases continue to account for more than one-half of the civil workload. Of the total of 121,688 cases filed in 1970, 55.9% consisted of small claims, 22.4% consisted of domestic and juvenile matters, and 21.7% were for claims in excess of \$300. The 26,443 cases constituting this latter category would have been filed in the superior court but for the availability of the district court. This civil jurisdiction of the district court has had significant effect in reducing the civil caseload of the superior court. Of the total of 115,714 cases which were disposed of, 29.8% were handled by a judge without a jury and only 2.1% were disposed of with a jury. 53.4% of all civil dispositions were by the magistrates and 14.7% were disposed of by other means.

In the discretion of the Chief District Judge, small claim actions may be assigned to a magistrate or reserved for regular disposition by a district judge. The statistics indicate that 90.9% of all small claims were disposed of by magistrates.

CIVIL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF
IN THE DISTRICT COURT

January 1, 1969 - December 31, 1970

Added	Disposed of	
1/1/69-12/31/69:		101,099
		93,734
1/1/70-12/31/70:		121,688
		115,714
(in thousands)	70 80 90 100 110 120	

CIVIL CASES PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURT

December 31, 1969 - December 31, 1970

12/31/69:		36,082
12/31/70:		42,069
(in thousands)	0 10 20 30 40 50	

DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CIVIL CASES AMONG THE COUNTIES

Number of Cases	Less than 100	101-300	301-500	501-1000	Over 1000
Number of Counties 1969	23	26	13	12	9
1970	23	24	13	12	11

TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CIVIL DOCKETS

County	Pending 1-1-70	Added	Disposed of	Pending 12-31-72
Mecklenburg	2,203	16,224	12,999	5,428
Guilford	3,111	13,240	12,108	4,243
Cumberland	2,054	4,918	4,871	2,101
Wake	2,170	6,753	7,225	1,698
Lenoir	1,893	1,560	1,766	1,692
Robeson	1,208	3,003	2,593	1,618
New Hanover	979	3,518	2,923	1,574
Durham	2,117	7,197	7,814	1,500
Onslow	773	2,477	1,911	1,339
Craven	1,434	1,446	1,865	1,015
STATE MEAN	434	1,466	1,394	506

CIVIL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURTS BY TYPE OF CASE AND MANNER OF DISPOSITION

January 1, 1970 — December 31, 1970

Pending 1/1/70	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/70	Gain or Loss				
	Small Claims ¹	Domestic Juvenile ²		Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate						
		Other	Total				Other			Total			
1ST DISTRICT													
Camden	16	70	8	4	82	0	5	67	4	76	22	+	6
Chowan	38	288	31	44	363	1	50	286	26	363	38	+	0
Currituck	18	109	22	25	156	2	13	92	12	119	55	+	37
Dare	59	119	30	17	166	1	28	84	19	132	93	+	34
Gates	58	150	16	30	196	3	11	140	12	166	88	+	30
Pasquotank	106	556	123	95	774	9	113	556	96	774	106	0	0
Perquimans	35	91	36	9	136	4	25	80	7	116	55	+	20
TOTAL	330	1,383	266	224	1,873	20	245	1,305	176	1,746	457	+	127
2ND DISTRICT													
Beaufort	389	607	189	111	907	42	345	602	54	1,043	253	—	136
Hyde	18	28	15	16	59	1	27	21	10	59	18	0	0
Martin	176	524	149	65	738	27	77	520	66	690	224	+	48
Tyrrell	11	11	0	2	13	0	1	7	0	8	16	+	5
Washington	27	211	34	71	316	3	36	98	130	267	76	+	49
TOTAL	621	1,381	387	265	2,033	73	486	1,248	260	2,067	587	—	34
3RD DISTRICT													
Carteret	322	289	214	226	729	39	197	381	51	668	383	+	61
Craven	1,434	667	456	323	1,446	32	1,123	550	160	1,865	1,015	—	419
Pamlico	55	91	33	44	168	6	54	94	20	174	49	6	6
Pitt	508	1,071	251	417	1,739	32	386	994	264	1,676	571	+	63
TOTAL	2,319	2,118	954	1,010	4,082	109	1,760	2,019	495	4,383	2,018	—	301

1. Includes claims for \$300 or less where the principal relief requested is one of those listed in G.S. 7A-210(2) and the plaintiff has requested assignment to a magistrate.

2. Includes domestic relations cases as defined by G.S. 7A-244 and juvenile cases as defined by G.S. 7A-279.

	Pending 1/1/70	Cases Filed		Total	By Jury	Cases Disposed of			Pending 12/31/70	Gain or Loss	
		Small Claims ¹	Domestic Juvenile ²			By Judge	By Magistrate	Other			Total
4TH DISTRICT											
Duplin	441	404	234	826	38	317	387	107	849	—	23
Jones	39	76	21	153	3	31	70	14	118	+	35
Onslow	773	1,741	554	2,477	23	405	1,373	110	1,911	+	566
Sampson	688	611	186	1,020	7	389	592	145	1,133	—	113
TOTAL	1,941	2,832	995	4,476	71	1,142	2,422	376	4,011	+	465
5TH DISTRICT											
New Hanover	979	1,360	1,607	3,518	79	1,381	1,151	312	2,923	+	595
Pender	239	222	100	460	5	40	193	147	385	+	75
TOTAL	1,218	1,582	1,707	3,978	84	1,421	1,344	459	3,308	+	670
6TH DISTRICT											
Bertie	107	308	44	486	14	77	288	51	430	+	56
Halifax	334	401	301	830	25	265	351	109	750	+	80
Hertford	268	217	105	446	25	92	206	78	401	+	45
Northampton	152	185	168	416	8	137	184	50	379	+	37
TOTAL	861	1,111	618	2,178	72	571	1,029	288	1,960	+	218
7TH DISTRICT											
Edgecombe	192	1,169	275	1,640	29	294	1,144	120	1,587	+	53
Nash	303	704	474	1,410	75	344	692	226	1,337	+	73
Wilson	266	1,647	404	2,374	34	394	1,603	252	2,283	+	91
TOTAL	761	3,520	1,153	5,424	138	1,032	3,439	598	5,207	+	217

1. Includes claims for \$300 or less where the principal relief requested is one of those listed in G.S. 7A-210(2) and the plaintiff has requested assignment to a magistrate.

2. Includes domestic relations cases as defined by G.S. 7A-244 and juvenile cases as defined by G.S. 7A-279.

	Pending 1/1/70	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of							Pending 12/31/70	Gain or Loss
		Small Claims ¹	Domestic Juvenile ²	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total			
8TH DISTRICT													
Greene	124	128	81	18	227	8	38	151	101	298	53	71	
Lenoir	1,898	676	375	509	1,560	40	638	747	341	1,766	1,692	206	
Wayne	829	1,113	703	590	2,406	21	996	1,015	476	2,508	727	102	
TOTAL	2,851	1,917	1,159	1,117	4,193	69	1,672	1,913	918	4,572	2,472	379	
9TH DISTRICT													
Franklin	333	325	108	81	514	10	131	297	59	497	350	17	
Granville	188	450	69	104	623	5	81	402	41	529	282	94	
Person	344	904	10	163	1,077	1	106	740	29	876	545	201	
Vance	217	864	86	254	1,204	5	179	545	270	999	422	205	
Warren	108	222	47	159	428	4	37	186	73	300	236	128	
TOTAL	1,190	2,765	320	761	3,846	25	534	2,170	472	3,201	1,835	645	
10TH DISTRICT													
Wake	2,170	4,025	1,147	1,581	6,753	142	1,519	4,278	1,286	7,225	1,698	472	
11TH DISTRICT													
Harnett	678	590	263	337	1,190	28	333	544	231	1,136	732	54	
Johnston	843	937	200	670	1,807	29	437	868	415	1,749	901	58	
Lee	520	585	314	204	1,103	30	187	585	342	1,144	479	41	
TOTAL	2,041	2,112	777	1,211	4,100	87	957	1,997	988	4,029	2,112	71	
12TH DISTRICT													
Cumberland	2,054	2,472	1,764	682	4,918	156	2,027	2,095	593	4,871	2,101	47	
Hoke	176	137	57	225	419	10	108	112	166	396	199	23	
TOTAL	2,230	2,609	1,821	907	5,337	166	2,135	2,207	759	5,267	2,300	70	

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2. Includes domestic relations cases as defined by G.S. 7A-244 and juvenile cases as defined by G.S. 7A-279.

	Pending 1/1/70	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/70	Gain or Loss	
		Small Claims ¹	Domestic Juvenile ²	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate			Other
13TH DISTRICT											
Bladen	122	295	72	80	447	17	77	261	96	451	4
Brunswick	265	245	57	180	482	62	129	239	68	498	16
Columbus	422	648	272	383	1,303	30	392	574	109	1,105	198
TOTAL	809	1,188	401	643	2,232	109	598	1,074	273	2,054	178
14TH DISTRICT											
Durham	2,117	5,005	1,362	830	7,197	93	1,969	3,779	1,973	7,814	617
15TH DISTRICT											
Alamance	489	1,181	787	301	2,269	49	758	1,047	305	2,159	110
Chatham	224	373	59	174	606	7	387	15	265	674	68
Orange	293	206	93	336	635	26	441	20	47	534	101
TOTAL	1,006	1,760	939	811	3,510	82	1,586	1,082	617	3,367	143
16TH DISTRICT											
Robeson	1,208	1,713	468	822	3,003	42	670	1,632	249	2,593	410
Scotland	198	452	136	224	812	24	267	409	84	784	28
TOTAL	1,406	2,165	604	1,046	3,815	66	937	2,041	333	3,377	438
18TH DISTRICT											
Guilford—											
Greensboro	2,711	4,997	2,072	1,956	9,025	95	2,275	4,602	1,040	8,012	1,013
High Point	400	2,613	1,179	423	4,215	61	1,281	2,565	189	4,096	119
TOTAL	3,111	7,610	3,251	2,379	13,240	156	3,556	7,167	1,229	12,108	1,132

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2. Includes domestic relations cases as defined by G.S. 7A-244 and juvenile cases as defined by G.S. 7A-279.

	Pending 1/1/70	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/70	Gain or Loss		
		Small Claims ¹	Domestic Juveniles ²	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate			Other	Total
20TH DISTRICT												
Anson	145	278	81	56	415	7	117	266	34	424	136	9
Moore	381	244	121	226	591	13	346	246	52	657	315	66
Richmond	319	529	358	199	1,086	42	325	526	125	1,018	387	—
Stanly	170	775	161	193	1,129	10	238	717	130	1,095	204	—
Union	83	405	148	206	759	12	165	432	104	713	129	—
TOTAL	1,098	2,231	869	880	3,980	84	1,191	2,187	445	3,907	1,171	73
21ST DISTRICT												
Forsyth	1,041	3,625	2,272	1,469	7,366	171	2,476	3,638	1,262	7,547	860	—
24TH DISTRICT												
Avery	60	53	74	48	175	6	71	25	46	148	87	27
Madison	9	52	48	43	143	4	23	38	15	80	72	63
Mitchell	27	16	28	22	66	4	30	19	9	62	31	4
Watauga	38	107	79	30	216	2	127	92	15	236	18	20
Yancey	51	16	38	38	92	3	30	11	43	87	56	5
TOTAL	185	244	267	181	692	19	281	185	128	613	264	79
25TH DISTRICT												
Burke	360	698	410	248	1,356	14	507	892	132	1,545	171	189
Caldwell	774	1,032	95	309	1,436	34	344	1,247	76	1,701	509	265
Catawba	560	1,228	640	513	2,381	51	688	800	493	2,032	909	349
TOTAL	1,694	2,958	1,145	1,070	5,173	99	1,539	2,939	701	5,278	1,589	105
26TH DISTRICT												
Mecklenburg	2,203	8,487	2,775	4,962	16,224	203	3,081	7,618	2,097	12,999	5,428	+3,225

1. Includes claims for \$500 or less where the principal relief requested is one of those listed in G.S. 7A-210(2) and the plaintiff has requested assignment to a magistrate.

2. Includes domestic relations cases as defined by G.S. 7A-244 and juvenile cases as defined by G.S. 7A-279.

	Pending 1/1/76	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/70	Gain or Loss		
		Small Claims ¹	Domestic Juveniles ²	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate			Other	Total
27TH DISTRICT												
Cleveland	549	1,010	165	270	1,445	36	205	703	116	1,060	934	+ 385
Gaston	907	1,989	662	1,379	4,030	101	1,689	1,852	293	3,935	1,002	+ 95
Lincoln	90	294	63	127	484	9	107	212	131	459	115	+ 25
TOTAL	1,546	3,293	890	1,776	5,959	146	2,001	2,767	540	5,454	2,051	+ 505
29TH DISTRICT												
Henderson	287	338	411	147	896	24	749	290	69	1,132	51	- 236
McDowell	162	327	183	39	549	14	133	355	32	534	177	+ 15
Polk	20	15	13	49	77	3	32	4	17	56	41	+ 21
Rutherford	116	449	203	106	758	29	169	439	67	704	170	+ 54
Tennessee	136	166	104	75	345	14	128	193	20	355	126	- 10
TOTAL	721	1,295	914	416	2,625	84	1,211	1,281	205	2,781	565	- 156
30TH DISTRICT												
Cherokee	127	113	35	40	188	1	45	100	40	186	129	+ 2
Clay	13	11	5	7	23	0	2	14	11	27	9	- 4
Graham	50	1	10	15	26	0	7	1	0	8	68	+ 18
Haywood	126	351	153	111	615	13	190	312	75	590	151	+ 25
Jackson	159	142	25	116	283	6	117	132	55	310	132	- 27
Macon	69	86	33	29	148	6	76	67	33	182	35	- 34
Swain	81	36	35	48	119	0	60	49	27	136	64	- 17
TOTAL	625	740	296	366	1,402	26	497	675	241	1,439	588	- 37
GRAND TOTAL	36,095	67,956	27,289	26,443	121,688	2,394	34,397	61,804	17,119	115,714	42,069	+ 5,974
Per Cent		55.9	22.4	21.7	100%	2.1	29.8	53.4	14.7	100%		

1. Includes claims for \$300 or less where the principal relief requested is one of those listed in G.S. 7A-210(2) and the plaintiff has requested assignment to a magistrate.

2. Includes domestic relations cases as defined by G.S. 7A-244 and juvenile cases as defined by G.S. 7A-279.

DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL DOCKETS

In comparison with 1969, filings increased by 6.5%, dispositions increased by 6.6%, and the number of cases pending at the end of the year increased 18.1%.

The ten counties with the largest criminal dockets accounted for 60.9% of the total criminal cases pending at the end of 1970. Thirty-eight counties had less than 300 cases pending and 18 counties had more than 1,000 cases pending. In 1969, only 13 counties had more than 1,000 cases pending at the end of the year.

The statistical breakdown for the types of cases handled and the manner of disposition is little changed from 1969. In 1970, 63.6% (504,778) of all criminal cases filed were for violations of the traffic laws. Other criminal offenses (288,865) made up the remaining 36.4%. Only 12.7% of the cases disposed of were contested resulting in a full-fledged trial before a district court judge. A judge or magistrate disposed of 31.2% upon a plea of guilty or *nolo contendere*, and 40.8% were disposed of by a written appearance waiving trial and pleading guilty before a magistrate or clerk. Preliminary hearings constituted only 1.8% of the business of the district courts and the remaining 13.5% of the total dispositions were terminated by other means.

All but the most serious motor vehicle violations may be disposed of by a simple written appearance waiving trial and pleading guilty which the violator may submit to either a magistrate or a clerk of the superior court. Utilization of this procedure for disposing of guilty pleas eases courtroom congestion and delay. In 1970, 63.0% of all motor vehicle filings were disposed of by this procedure. Due to a number of factors, the use of this procedure has varied widely from county to county. In some counties more than 75.0% of the traffic cases were disposed of by waiver. Nine counties disposed of less than 50.0% by this method, and in one county the percentage was only 29.1%. The increased use of the waiver would remove from the courts traffic violators who simply wish to plead guilty and would give judicial personnel more time to devote to significant matters. A new uniform traffic ticket, containing detailed instructions on the use of the waiver procedure, will be made available in 1971. It is hoped that its use will increase the number of waivers in counties that are not now realizing the full benefits of this procedure.

CRIMINAL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURT

January 1, 1969 - December 31, 1970

Added	Disposed of	
1/1/69-12/31/69:		742,373
		728,463
1/1/70-12/31/70:		793,643
		779,422
(in thousands)	500 600 700 800	

CRIMINAL CASES PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURT

December 31, 1969 - December 31, 1970

12/31/69:		64,332
12/31/70:		78,506
(in thousands)	20 30 40 50 60 70 80	

DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CRIMINAL CASES AMONG THE COUNTIES

Number of Cases	Less than 100	101-300	301-500	501-1000	Over 1000
Number of Counties 1969	19	23	10	18	13
1970	12	26	11	16	18

TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CRIMINAL DOCKETS

County	Pending 1-1-70	Added	Disposed of	Pending 12-31-70
Guilford	8,481	74,768	71,115	12,134
Wake	8,519	63,688	62,216	9,991
Gaston	3,421	30,102	26,656	6,867
Mecklenburg	8,677	82,272	87,903	3,046
New Hanover	2,387	19,333	18,708	3,012
Duplin	1,172	7,932	6,156	2,948
Granville	1,510	6,927	5,498	2,939
Cumberland	2,002	36,115	35,425	2,692
Harnett	1,209	10,346	9,412	2,143
Rutherford	1,317	7,111	6,396	2,032
STATE MEAN	774	9,561	9,390	945

CRIMINAL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURTS BY TYPE OF CASE AND MANNER OF DISPOSITION

January 1, 1970 — December 31, 1970

	Pending 1/1/70	Cases Filed		By Judge ¹	By Plea ²	By Waiver ³	Cases Disposed Of		Other- wise	Total	Pending 12/31/70	Gain or Loss
		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal				Preliminary Hearing					
1ST DISTRICT												
Camden	11	460	93	80	139	301	3	30	553	11	0	
Chowan	147	1,316	733	279	529	784	148	267	2,007	189	42	+
Currituck	59	605	193	127	333	269	2	48	779	78	19	+
Dare	79	1,527	587	187	623	888	31	360	2,089	104	25	+
Gates	48	972	192	83	132	822	1	128	1,166	46	2	-
Pasquotank	111	1,615	957	302	841	985	218	218	2,564	119	8	+
Perquimans	56	652	225	139	225	452	12	43	871	62	6	+
TOTAL	511	7,147	2,980	1,197	2,822	4,501	415	1,094	10,029	609	98	+
2ND DISTRICT												
Beaufort	598	3,959	2,188	389	866	3,608	261	769	5,893	852	254	+
Hyde	20	485	225	225	171	274	1	34	705	25	5	+
Martin	167	3,912	1,713	689	920	2,844	56	1,026	5,535	257	90	+
Tyrrell	33	351	123	74	67	297	0	30	468	39	6	+
Washington	21	1,094	707	229	261	1,114	22	167	1,793	29	8	+
TOTAL	839	9,801	4,956	1,606	2,285	8,137	340	2,026	14,394	1,202	363	+

1. Includes cases tried before a District Court Judge upon a plea of not guilty.
2. Includes cases tried before a District Court Judge upon a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, and cases tried before a magistrate upon a plea of guilty. The magistrates' authority to accept guilty pleas and enter judgment is limited to misdemeanor cases, other than traffic offenses, in which the maximum punishment cannot exceed imprisonment for thirty days, or a fine of \$50 (G.S. 7A-273).
3. Includes traffic cases in which a written appearance waiving trial and pleading guilty is submitted to a Clerk of Superior Court or Magistrate.

	Pending 1/1/70	Cases Filed		By Judge ¹	By Plea ²	By Waiver ³	Cases Disposed Of		Total	Pending 12/31/70	Gain or Loss
		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal				Preliminary Hearing	Other- wise			
3RD DISTRICT											
Carteret	380	4,154	2,194	6,348	671	1,925	2,891	98	822	6,407	59
Craven	468	6,008	3,584	9,592	1,500	2,778	3,674	375	1,114	9,441	+ 151
Pamlico	103	985	318	1,303	354	328	568	4	5	1,259	+ 44
Pitt	1,488	9,217	6,049	15,266	1,567	6,515	4,852	212	2,478	15,624	— 358
TOTAL	2,439	20,364	12,145	32,509	4,092	11,546	11,985	689	4,419	32,731	— 222
4TH DISTRICT											
Duplin	1,172	4,675	3,257	17,932	455	1909	2,942	54	796	6,156	+ 1,776
Jones	54	511	466	977	241	172	292	10	226	941	+ 36
Onslow	785	9,580	5,555	15,135	580	5997	4,722	138	3,658	15,095	+ 40
Sampson	49	4,617	2,698	7,315	1,238	1,539	3,954	104	115	6,950	+ 365
TOTAL	2,060	19,383	11,976	31,359	2,514	9,617	11,910	306	4,795	29,142	+ 2,217
5TH DISTRICT											
New Hanover	2,387	12,176	7,157	19,333	990	6,735	7,891	1,403	1,689	18,708	+ 625
Pender	62	3,183	723	3,906	361	1,105	1,847	52	338	3,703	+ 203
TOTAL	2,449	15,359	7,880	23,239	1,351	7,840	9,738	1,455	2,027	22,411	+ 828
6TH DISTRICT											
Bertie	115	2,710	687	3,397	377	524	2,327	20	141	3,389	+ 8
Halifax	672	5,592	3,567	9,159	617	3441	3,770	189	1,448	9,465	— 306
Hertford	154	2,296	1,148	3,444	257	1165	1,582	29	397	3,430	+ 14
Northampton	71	2,058	932	2,990	174	951	1,568	22	225	2,940	+ 50
TOTAL	1,012	12,656	6,334	18,990	1,425	6081	9,247	260	2,211	19,224	— 234

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		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal			Total	By Waiver ³	Preliminary Hearing					
7TH DISTRICT													
Edgecombe	420	5,418	3,176	8,594	781	2,890	3,754	133	983	8,541	473	+ 53	
Nash	345	7,112	3,883	10,995	946	3,242	5,044	240	1,319	10,791	549	+ 204	
Wilson	576	6,258	3,131	9,389	1,052	2,148	4,867	207	1,102	9,376	589	+ 13	
TOTAL	1,341	18,788	10,190	28,978	2,779	8,280	13,665	580	3,404	28,708	1,611	+ 270	
8TH DISTRICT													
Greene	158	1,590	749	2,339	787	305	1,136	52	96	2,376	121	— 37	
Lenoir	764	7,810	4,461	12,271	1,353	3,664	5,233	167	1,938	12,355	680	— 84	
Wayne	565	7,836	4,392	12,228	4,270	1,619	5,030	157	1,015	12,091	702	+ 137	
TOTAL	1,487	17,236	9,602	26,838	6,410	5,588	11,399	376	3,049	26,822	1,503	+ 16	
9TH DISTRICT													
Franklin	545	2,279	1,209	3,488	665	917	1,673	106	198	3,559	474	— 71	
Granville	1,510	4,892	2,035	6,927	449	1,856	2,461	237	495	5,498	2,939	+ 1,429	
Person	130	2,859	1,772	4,631	306	968	2,757	51	453	4,535	226	+ 96	
Vance	393	3,318	2,482	5,800	1,287	1,722	2,653	143	78	5,883	310	— 83	
Warren	93	1,588	957	2,545	261	930	985	67	192	2,435	203	+ 110	
TOTAL	2,671	14,936	8,455	23,391	2,968	6,393	10,529	604	1,416	21,910	4,152	+ 1,481	
10TH DISTRICT													
Wake	8,519	40,581	23,107	63,688	8,080	13,918	27,595	558	12,065	62,216	9,991	+ 1,472	

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		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal	Total	By Judge ¹	By Plea ²	By Waiver ³	Preliminary Hearing			Other- wise
11TH DISTRICT											
Harnett	1,209	6,266	4,080	10,346	266	3,515	4,152	63	1,416	9,412	+ 934
Johnston	751	9,335	4,290	13,625	2,690	3,221	5,751	150	1,467	13,279	+ 346
Lee	448	3,753	3,170	6,923	983	1,284	3,538	79	906	6,790	+ 133
TOTAL	2,408	19,354	11,540	30,894	3,939	8,020	13,441	292	3,789	29,481	+ 1,411
12TH DISTRICT											
Cumberland	2,002	21,752	14,363	36,115	3,473	14,729	9,907	440	6,876	35,425	+ 690
Hoke	265	1,781	1,180	2,961	151	966	1,332	100	394	2,943	+ 18
TOTAL	2,267	23,533	15,543	39,076	3,624	15,695	11,239	540	7,270	38,368	+ 708
13TH DISTRICT											
Bladen	375	2,960	1,974	4,934	1,779	944	1,698	131	207	4,759	+ 175
Brunswick	285	3,567	1,441	5,008	2,052	16	2,569	21	234	4,892	+ 116
Columbus	479	4,636	3,255	7,891	2,578	2,098	1,844	71	1,043	7,636	+ 257
TOTAL	1,139	11,163	6,670	17,833	6,409	3,058	6,111	223	1,484	17,285	+ 548
14TH DISTRICT											
Durham	1,065	13,596	8,839	22,435	3,033	12,095	3,959	339	3,351	22,777	— 342
15TH DISTRICT											
Alamance	731	11,854	6,198	18,052	2,231	4,804	8,733	147	1,857	17,772	+ 280
Chatham	184	3,284	1,216	4,500	529	872	2,636	17	368	4,422	+ 78
Orange	241	6,180	2,555	8,735	2,862	1,114	3,860	246	376	8,458	+ 277
TOTAL	1,156	21,318	9,969	31,287	5,622	6,790	15,229	410	2,601	30,652	+ 633

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		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal			By Waiver ³	Preliminary Hearing				
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>											
Robeson	753	10,613	6,483	17,096	1,282	7,344	5,720	276	2,828	399	— 354
Scotland	247	2,687	2,055	4,742	556	1,769	1,248	198	444	774	+ 527
TOTAL	1,000	13,300	8,538	21,838	1,838	9,113	6,968	474	3,272	1,173	+ 173
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>											
Guilford—											
Greensboro	5,368	38,229	14,792	53,021	9,906	17,092	19,708	940	3,008	7,735	+2,367
High Point	3,113	14,086	7,661	21,747	1,791	6,444	10,147	173	1,906	4,399	+1,286
TOTAL	8,481	52,315	22,453	74,768	11,697	23,536	29,855	1,113	4,914	12,134	+3,653
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>											
Anson	289	2,198	2,165	4,363	524	961	2,090	60	725	292	+ 3
Moore	629	4,460	2,594	7,054	522	1,393	3,721	108	868	1,071	+ 442
Richmond	268	2,450	2,430	4,880	552	1,904	1,403	74	883	332	+ 64
Stanly	517	3,477	1,835	5,312	241	1,054	3,305	214	538	477	— 40
Union	318	3,882	2,319	6,201	820	1,695	3,197	188	533	86	— 232
TOTAL	2,021	16,467	11,343	27,810	2,659	7,007	13,716	644	3,547	2,258	+ 237
<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>											
Forsyth	1,536	27,953	11,058	39,011	5,658	9,468	17,259	819	6,266	1,077	— 459

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24TH DISTRICT											
Avery	264	1,815	445	2,260	597	255	1,492	25	49	2,418	158
Madison	62	923	618	1,541	256	321	683	40	109	1,409	+ 132
Mitchell	28	1,110	469	1,579	211	356	975	16	24	1,582	25
Watauga	220	2,223	942	3,165	181	852	1,640	43	488	3,204	— 38
Yancey	101	922	365	1,287	118	251	623	20	282	1,294	— 7
TOTAL	675	6,993	2,839	9,832	1,363	2035	5,413	144	952	9,907	— 75
25TH DISTRICT											
Burke	780	6,641	3,220	9,861	2,365	1563	4,499	83	1,375	9,885	— 24
Caldwell	852	7,989	3,992	11,981	944	4,101	4,679	484	673	10,881	+ 1,100
Catawba	834	11,497	6,000	17,497	1,497	6,649	6,884	185	1,906	17,121	+ 376
TOTAL	2,466	26,127	13,212	39,339	4,806	12,313	16,062	752	3,954	37,887	+ 1,452
26TH DISTRICT											
Mecklenburg	8,677	46,794	35,478	82,272	5,640	35,138	30,420	1,539	15,166	87,903	— 5,631
27TH DISTRICT											
Cleveland	703	7,409	4,003	11,412	3,169	2,842	5,183	72	93	11,359	+ 53
Gaston	3,421	16,558	13,544	30,102	1,700	10,943	8,183	225	5,605	26,656	+ 3,446
Lincoln	79	4,623	1,479	6,102	523	2,347	2,099	101	862	5,932	+ 170
TOTAL	4,203	28,590	19,026	47,616	5,392	16,132	15,465	398	6,560	43,947	+ 3,669

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		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal			By Waiver ³	Preliminary Hearing				
29TH DISTRICT											
Henderson	705	4,702	2,364	7,066	405	1,138	2,983	108	2,151	6,785	+ 281
McDowell	527	2,557	1,464	4,021	207	683	1,800	28	538	3,256	+ 765
Polk	70	615	504	1,119	136	197	644	6	104	1,087	+ 32
Rutherford	1,317	3,391	3,720	7,111	1,625	1,823	2,261	114	568	6,396	+ 715
Transylvania	117	1,078	985	2,063	344	765	727	40	153	2,029	+ 34
TOTAL	2,736	12,343	9,037	21,380	2,717	4,611	8,415	296	3,514	19,553	+ 1,827
30TH DISTRICT											
Cherokee	157	969	526	1,495	109	623	558	20	146	1,456	+ 39
Clay	35	604	149	753	226	104	422	0	21	773	+ 20
Graham	173	438	378	816	239	245	341	0	0	825	+ 9
Haywood	350	3,813	2,517	6,330	741	1,816	2,682	162	942	6,343	+ 13
Jackson	97	1,249	920	2,169	184	339	729	44	818	2,114	+ 55
Macon	196	1,146	370	1,516	246	213	727	33	238	1,457	+ 59
Swain	119	462	835	1,297	153	889	142	2	98	1,284	+ 13
TOTAL	1,127	8,681	5,695	14,376	1,898	4,229	5,601	261	2,263	14,252	+ 124
GRAND TOTAL	64,285	504,778	288,865	793,643	98,717	243,610	317,859	13,827	105,409	779,422	+ 14,221
Per Cent		63.6	36.4	100%	12.7	31.2	40.8	1.8	13.5	100%	

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DISTRICT COURT ACTIVITY IN MOTOR VEHICLE AND SMALL CLAIM CASES*

January 1, 1970 — December 31, 1970

	Per Cent of Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed of by Waiver ¹			Per Cent of Small Claim Cases Disposed of by Magistrate ¹		
	Motor Vehicle Cases Filed	Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed of by Waiver	Per Cent Disposed of by Waiver	Small Claims Filed	Disposed of by Magistrate	Per Cent Disposed of by Magistrate
<i>1ST DISTRICT</i>						
Camden	460	301	65.4	70	67	95.7
Chowan	1,316	784	59.6	288	286	99.3
Currituck	605	269	44.5	109	92	84.4
Dare	1,527	888	58.2	119	84	70.6
Gates	972	822	84.6	150	140	93.3
Pasquotank	1,615	985	61.0	556	556	100.0
Perquimans	652	452	69.3	91	80	87.9
TOTAL	7,147	4,501	63.0	1,383	1,305	94.4
<i>2ND DISTRICT</i>						
Beaufort	3,959	3,608	91.1	607	602	99.2
Hyde	485	274	56.5	28	21	75.0
Martin	3,912	2,844	72.7	524	520	99.2
Tyrrell	351	297	84.6	11	7	63.6
Washington	1,094	1,114	101.8	211	98	46.4
TOTAL	9,801	8,137	83.0	1,381	1,248	90.4
<i>3RD DISTRICT</i>						
Carteret	4,154	2,891	69.6	289	381	131.8
Craven	6,008	3,674	61.2	667	550	82.5
Pamlico	985	568	57.7	91	94	103.3
Pitt	9,217	4,852	52.6	1,071	994	92.8
TOTAL	20,364	11,985	58.9	2,118	2,019	95.3
<i>4TH DISTRICT</i>						
Duplin	4,675	2,942	62.9	404	387	95.8
Jones	511	292	57.1	76	70	92.1
Onslow	9,580	4,722	49.3	1,741	1,373	78.9
Sampson	4,617	3,954	85.6	611	592	96.9
TOTAL	19,383	11,910	61.4	2,832	2,422	85.5
<i>5TH DISTRICT</i>						
New Hanover	12,176	7,891	64.8	1,360	1,151	84.6
Pender	3,183	1,847	58.0	222	193	86.9
TOTAL	15,359	9,738	63.4	1,582	1,344	85.0

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	Per Cent of Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed of by Waiver ¹			Per Cent of Small Claim Cases Disposed of by Magistrate ¹		
	Motor Vehicle Cases Filed	Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed of by Waiver	Per Cent Disposed of by Waiver	Small Claims Filed	Disposed of by Magistrate	Per Cent Disposed of by Magistrate
6TH DISTRICT						
Bertie	2,710	2,327	85.9	308	288	93.5
Halifax	5,592	3,770	67.4	401	351	87.5
Hertford	2,296	1,582	68.9	217	206	94.9
Northampton	2,058	1,568	76.2	185	184	99.5
TOTAL	12,656	9,247	73.1	1,111	1,029	92.6
7TH DISTRICT						
Edgecombe	5,418	3,754	69.3	1,169	1,144	97.9
Nash	7,112	5,044	70.9	704	692	98.3
Wilson	6,258	4,867	77.8	1,647	1,603	97.3
TOTAL	18,788	13,665	72.7	3,520	3,439	97.7
8TH DISTRICT						
Greene	1,590	1,136	71.4	128	151	117.9
Lenoir	7,810	5,233	67.0	676	747	110.5
Wayne	7,836	5,030	64.2	1,113	1,015	91.2
TOTAL	17,236	11,399	66.1	1,917	1,913	99.8
9TH DISTRICT						
Franklin	2,279	1,673	73.4	325	297	91.4
Granville	4,892	2,461	50.3	450	402	89.3
Person	2,859	2,757	96.4	904	740	81.9
Vance	3,318	2,653	80.0	864	545	63.1
Warren	1,588	985	62.0	222	186	83.8
TOTAL	14,936	10,529	70.5	2,765	2,170	78.5
10TH DISTRICT						
Wake	40,581	27,595	68.0	4,025	4,278	106.3
11TH DISTRICT						
Harnett	6,266	4,152	66.3	590	544	92.2
Johnston	9,335	5,751	61.6	937	868	92.6
Lee	3,753	3,538	94.3	585	585	100.0
TOTAL	19,354	13,441	69.4	2,112	1,997	94.6
12TH DISTRICT						
Cumberland	21,752	9,907	45.5	2,472	2,095	84.7
Hoke	1,781	1,332	74.8	137	112	81.8
TOTAL	23,533	11,239	47.8	2,609	2,207	84.6

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<i>13TH DISTRICT</i>						
Bladen	2,960	1,698	57.4	295	261	88.5
Brunswick	3,567	2,569	72.0	245	239	97.6
Columbus	4,636	1,844	39.8	648	574	88.6
TOTAL	11,163	6,111	54.7	1,188	1,074	90.4
<i>14TH DISTRICT</i>						
Durham	13,596	3,959	29.1	5,005	3,779	75.5
<i>15TH DISTRICT</i>						
Alamance	11,854	8,733	73.7	1,181	1,047	88.7
Chatham	3,284	2,636	80.3	373	15	40.2
Orange	6,180	3,860	62.5	206	20	9.7
TOTAL	21,318	15,229	71.4	1,760	1,082	61.5
<i>16TH DISTRICT</i>						
Robeson	10,613	5,720	53.9	1,713	1,632	95.3
Scotland	2,687	1,248	46.4	452	409	90.5
TOTAL	13,300	6,968	52.4	2,165	2,041	94.3
<i>18TH DISTRICT</i>						
Guilford—						
Greensboro	38,229	19,708	51.6	4,997	4,602	92.1
High Point	14,086	10,147	72.0	2,613	2,565	98.2
TOTAL	52,315	29,855	57.1	7,610	7,167	94.2
<i>20TH DISTRICT</i>						
Anson	2,198	2,090	95.1	278	266	95.7
Moore	4,460	3,721	83.4	244	246	100.8
Richmond	2,450	1,403	57.3	529	526	99.4
Stanly	3,477	3,305	95.1	775	717	92.5
Union	3,882	3,197	82.4	405	432	106.7
TOTAL	16,467	13,716	83.3	2,231	2,187	98.0
<i>21ST DISTRICT</i>						
Forsyth	27,953	17,259	61.7	3,625	3,638	100.4
<i>24TH DISTRICT</i>						
Avery	1,815	1,492	82.2	53	25	47.2
Madison	923	683	74.0	52	38	73.1
Mitchell	1,110	975	78.4	16	19	118.8
Watauga	2,223	1,640	73.8	107	92	85.9
Yancey	922	623	67.6	16	11	68.8
TOTAL	6,993	5,413	77.4	244	185	75.8

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25TH DISTRICT						
Burke	6,641	4,499	67.7	698	892	127.8
Caldwell	7,989	4,679	58.6	1,032	1,247	120.8
Catawba	11,497	6,884	60.0	1,228	800	65.1
TOTAL	26,127	16,062	61.5	2,958	2,939	99.4
26TH DISTRICT						
Mecklenburg	46,794	30,420	65.0	8,487	7,618	89.8
27TH DISTRICT						
Cleveland	7,409	5,183	70.0	1,010	703	69.6
Gaston	16,558	8,183	49.4	1,989	1,852	93.1
Lincoln	4,623	2,099	45.4	294	212	72.1
TOTAL	28,590	15,465	54.1	3,293	2,767	84.0
29TH DISTRICT						
Henderson	4,702	2,983	63.4	338	290	85.8
McDowell	2,557	1,800	70.4	327	355	108.6
Polk	615	644	104.7	15	4	26.7
Rutherford	3,391	2,261	66.7	449	439	97.8
Transylvania	1,078	727	67.4	166	193	116.3
TOTAL	12,343	8,415	68.2	1,295	1,281	98.9
30TH DISTRICT						
Cherokee	969	558	57.6	113	100	88.5
Clay	604	422	69.9	11	14	127.3
Graham	438	341	77.9	1	1	100.0
Haywood	3,813	2,682	70.3	351	312	88.9
Jackson	1,249	729	58.4	142	132	93.0
Macon	1,146	727	63.4	86	67	77.9
Swain	462	142	30.7	36	49	136.1
TOTAL	8,681	5,601	64.5	740	675	91.2
GRAND TOTAL	504,778	317,859	63.0	67,956	61,804	90.9

1. In some counties, the per cent of cases disposed of exceeds one hundred per cent because cases pending on January 1, 1970 are not included in the "disposed of" column. The figures in both the "filed" and "disposed of" columns are for the calendar year 1970. Some of the cases filed in 1970 will not be disposed of until 1971 and some of the cases disposed of in 1970 were filed in 1969. Assuming a fairly constant rate of filing and disposition, the percentages are relatively accurate.

DAYS OF COURT HELD AT EACH SEAT OF THE DISTRICT COURT*

1970 Calendar Year

	Civil	Criminal	Total
<i>1ST DISTRICT (2 Judges)</i>			
Camden—Camden	1	14	15
Chowan—Edenton	5	46	51
Currituck—Currituck	2	28	30
Dare—Manteo	5	39	44
Gates—Gatesville	1	22	23
Pasquotank—Elizabeth City	15	47	62
Perquimans—Hertford	1½	39½	41
TOTAL	30½	235½	266
<i>2ND DISTRICT (2 Judges)</i>			
Beaufort—Washington	81½	94	175½
Hyde—Swan Quarter	3	30	33
Martin—Williamston	37	50	87
Tyrrell—Columbia	5	29	34
Washington—Plymouth	6	43	49
TOTAL	132½	246	378½
<i>3RD DISTRICT (4 Judges)</i>			
Carteret—Beaufort	55½	120	175½
Craven—New Bern	63½	195½	259
Pamlico—Bayboro	7	24	31
Pitt—Greenville	67	178½	245½
Farmville	0	24½	24½
Ayden	0	24½	24½
TOTAL	193	567	760
<i>4TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</i>			
Duplin—Kenansville	26	90	116
Jones—Trenton	6¾	32¼	39
Onslow—Jacksonville	54	249½	303½
Sampson—Clinton	32	181½	213½
TOTAL	118¾	553¼	672
<i>5TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)</i>			
New Hanover—Wilmington	239	269½	508½
Pender—Burgaw	37½	40	77½
TOTAL	276½	309½	586
<i>6TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)</i>			
Bertie—Windsor	16	50	66
Halifax—Halifax	45	84	129
Roanoke Rapids	10	21	31
Hertford—Winton	19	55	74
Northampton—Jackson	10	42	52
TOTAL	100	252	352

* All days of court at each seat were not necessarily held by a judge assigned to the designated judicial district. In 1970, District Court Judges held a total of 237 days of court in judicial districts other than their own.

<i>7TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</i>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Edgecombe—Tarboro	35 $\frac{1}{4}$	92	127 $\frac{1}{4}$
Nash—Nashville	73 $\frac{3}{4}$	96 $\frac{1}{2}$	170 $\frac{1}{4}$
Rocky Mount	35 $\frac{1}{4}$	94 $\frac{1}{2}$	129 $\frac{3}{4}$
Wilson—Wilson	75 $\frac{1}{2}$	146 $\frac{1}{2}$	222
TOTAL	219$\frac{3}{4}$	429$\frac{1}{2}$	649$\frac{1}{4}$

<i>8TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</i>			
Greene—Snow Hill	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	41
Lenoir—Kinston	103	194 $\frac{1}{2}$	297 $\frac{1}{2}$
Wayne—Goldsboro	88	179	267
Mount Olive	0	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
TOTAL	201$\frac{1}{2}$	427$\frac{1}{2}$	629

<i>9TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)</i>			
Franklin—Louisburg	0	49	49
Granville—Oxford	0	51	51
Person—Roxboro	7	39 $\frac{1}{2}$	46 $\frac{1}{2}$
Vance—Henderson	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	54	61 $\frac{1}{2}$
Warren—Warrenton	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	28	33 $\frac{1}{2}$
TOTAL	20	221$\frac{1}{2}$	241$\frac{1}{2}$

<i>10TH DISTRICT (5 Judges)</i>			
Wake—Apex	0	0	0
Fuquay-Varina	2	31	33
Raleigh	387	631	1,018
Wendell	2	27	29
TOTAL	391	689	1,080

<i>11TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</i>			
Harnett—Dunn	0	53	53
Lillington	64	162	226
Johnston—Benson	0	44	44
Selma	0	47	47
Smithfield	48	152	200
Lee—Sanford	34	141 $\frac{1}{2}$	175 $\frac{1}{2}$
TOTAL	146	599$\frac{1}{2}$	745$\frac{1}{2}$

<i>12TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</i>			
Cumberland—Fayetteville	291 $\frac{1}{2}$	431	722 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hoke—Raeford	12	44	56
TOTAL	303$\frac{1}{2}$	475	778$\frac{1}{2}$

<i>13TH DISTRICT (2 Judges)</i>			
Bladen—Elizabethtown	32	64	96
Brunswick—Southport	50	47	97
Shallotte	0	34	34
Columbus—Whiteville	82	75	157
Tabor City	0	24	24
TOTAL	164	244	408

<i>14TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)</i>			
Durham—Durham	252	452	704

<i>15TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</i>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Alamance—Burlington	0	0	0
Graham	226	216	442
Chatham—Pittsboro	361½	44	801½
Siler City	61½	26	321½
Orange—Chapel Hill	4	401½	441½
Hillsborough	102½	841½	187
TOTAL	375½	411	786½

<i>16TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)</i>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Robeson—Lumberton	107	193	300
Fairmont	0	43	43
Maxton	0	53	53
Red Springs	0	381½	381½
Rowland	0	24	24
Saint Pauls	0	43	43
Scotland—Laurinburg	40	118½	158½
TOTAL	147	513	660

<i>18TH DISTRICT (7 Judges)</i>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Guilford—			
Greensboro	429	533	962
High Point	264½	262	526½
TOTAL	693½	795	1,488½

<i>20TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</i>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Anson—Wadesboro	131½	73	861½
Moore—Carthage	40	781½	1181½
Southern Pines	2	23	25
Richmond—Hamlet	0	0	0
Rockingham	35	91	126
Staniy—Albemarle	20	731½	931½
Union—Monroe	22	64	86
TOTAL	132½	403	535½

<i>21ST DISTRICT (5 Judges)</i>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Forsyth—Kernersville	0	28	28
Winston-Salem	477¾	400¾	878½
TOTAL	477¾	428¾	906½

<i>24TH DISTRICT (2 Judges)</i>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Avery—Newland	141½	37	511½
Madison—Marshall	7	28	35
Mitchell—Bakersville	71½	24	311½
Watauga—Boone	18	55	73
Yancey—Burnsville	10	25	35
TOTAL	57	169	226

	Civil	Criminal	Total
<i>25TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</i>			
Burke—Hickory	64½	145½	210
Morganton	70	139	209
Caldwell—Lenoir	85	147	232
Catawba—Newton	71½	100½	172
TOTAL	291	532	823
<i>26TH DISTRICT (7 Judges)</i>			
Mecklenburg—Charlotte	562¼	593½	1,155¾
<i>27TH DISTRICT (5 Judges)</i>			
Cleveland—Shelby	63½	154	217½
Gaston—Gastonia	225½	390	615½
Lincoln—Lincolnton	32½	59½	92
TOTAL	321½	603½	925
<i>29TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)</i>			
Henderson—Hendersonville	74	62	136
McDowell—Marion	44	69	113
Polk—Columbus	9	36	45
Rutherford—Rutherfordton	59	66	125
Transylvania—Brevard	32	43	75
TOTAL	218	276	494
<i>30TH DISTRICT (2 Judges)</i>			
Cherokee—Murphy	1	33	34
Clay—Hayesville	3	13	16
Graham—Robbinsville	0	14	14
Haywood—Waynesville	24	94	118
Canton	0	12	12
Jackson—Sylva	11	35	46
Macon—Franklin	3	18	21
Swain—Bryson City	18	25	43
TOTAL	60	244	304
GRAND TOTAL	5,885	10,670	16,555

**CASES PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURTS
IN COUNTIES ACTIVATED DECEMBER, 1970**

December 31, 1970

<i><u>17TH DISTRICT</u></i>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Caswell	8	171	179
Rockingham	545	537	1,082
Stokes	46	163	209
Surry	370	416	786
TOTAL	969	1,287	2,256
<i><u>19TH DISTRICT</u></i>			
Cabarrus	581	671	1,252
Montgomery	28	159	187
Randolph	598	407	1,005
Rowan	769	317	1,086
TOTAL	1,976	1,554	3,530
<i><u>22ND DISTRICT</u></i>			
Alexander	31	57	88
Davidson	653	653	1,306
Davie	60	204	264
Iredell	490	709	1,199
TOTAL	1,234	1,623	2,857
<i><u>23RD DISTRICT</u></i>			
Alleghany	24	55	79
Ashe	4	34	38
Wilkes	351	641	992
Yadkin	44	58	102
TOTAL	423	788	1,211
<i><u>28TH DISTRICT</u></i>			
Buncombe	643	1,083	1,726
GRAND TOTAL	5,245	6,335	11,580

FISCAL OPERATIONS

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During this fiscal year the district court system was fully operational in 83 counties. Thus, both receipts and expenditures increased substantially over the previous fiscal year. Ratio of receipts to expenditures however remained approximately the same, with total receipts from court operations exceeding State expenditures by almost one million dollars.

State Expenditures for the Judicial Department	\$18,838,187.86
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State and Local Receipts from Court Operations	\$19,814,725.25
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Distribution of Receipts by type and unit of government receiving funds:

General Court of Justice Fees (State)	\$6,637,462.38
Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund (State)	<u>1,732,169.50</u>

Total State Revenues	<u>\$8,369,631.88</u>
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Facilities Fees (Counties)	\$1,555,216.07
Officer Fees (Counties)	760,464.29
Jail Fees (Counties)	367,023.07
Fines and Forfeitures (Counties)	<u>8,083,368.70</u>

Total County Revenues	<u>\$10,766,072.13</u>
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Facilities Fees (Municipalities)	\$ 100,543.00
Officer Fees (Municipalities)	521,920.07
Jail Fees (Municipalities)	<u>56,558.17</u>

Total Municipal Revenues	<u>\$ 679,021.24</u>
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Of the total receipts, \$6,637,462.38 went into the State general fund. This constitutes 35.2% of State expenditures. The Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund received \$1,732,169.50, or approximately 9.2% of State expenditures. Again the largest single item of receipts was fines and forfeitures. During the year the courts collected more than eight million dollars for this account and paid it to the various counties for use in the school fund.

The table which follows gives a county by county breakdown of fees distributed to each county and the municipalities within that county.

AMOUNTS OF FEES, FINES AND FORFEITURES COLLECTED AND DISTRIBUTED TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

Fiscal Year 1969-70

County	Facility Fees County	Officer Fees County	Jail Fees County	Fines & Forfeitures County	Facility Fees Municipality	Officer Fees Municipality	Jail Fees Municipality	Total
Alamance	\$ 34,618.00	\$ 14,676.95	\$ 10,809.10	\$ 243,878.20	\$ 0	\$ 12,882.50	\$ 0	\$ 316,864.75
Anson	9,103.00	4,608.00	4,217.00	61,098.69	0	2,378.00	0	81,404.69
Avery	5,859.50	5,828.20	1,552.00	34,733.78	0	0	0	47,973.48
Beaufort	14,715.00	11,470.00	2,426.00	75,098.90	0	3,294.60	42.00	107,046.50
Bertie	8,274.00	7,750.00	1,776.80	43,463.50	0	612.00	13.00	61,889.30
Bladen	9,179.00	8,156.95	3,447.00	52,839.85	1,232.00	508.00	0	75,362.80
Brunswick	7,705.00	6,499.00	1,469.95	47,910.80	2,090.00	586.00	21.20	66,281.95
Burke	22,154.00	11,644.00	4,143.00	110,601.00	0	4,267.00	0	152,809.00
Caldwell	25,854.45	18,845.81	7,215.00	130,552.50	40.00	6,076.00	708.22	189,291.98
Camden	1,162.00	830.00	29.00	8,943.00	0	11.50	0	10,975.50
Carteret	10,119.83	7,940.00	2,022.50	85,174.00	2,840.00	2,551.00	3.00	110,650.33
Catawba	24,336.00	20,504.00	5,198.00	217,210.85	21,069.00	13,778.00	6,766.00	308,861.85
Chatham	9,574.50	6,614.00	2,086.50	65,819.30	1,269.00	1,189.00	904.00	87,456.30
Cherokee	5,828.60	3,248.01	4,187.15	54,540.05	0	752.00	146.00	68,701.81
Chowan	6,947.00	2,693.30	1,075.95	35,324.40	0	1,624.00	0	47,664.65
Clay	1,477.00	1,449.50	740.00	22,078.00	0	0	0	25,744.50
Cleveland	23,633.10	12,663.25	8,000.00	116,654.00	0	6,972.85	1,362.00	169,285.20
Columbus	13,313.00	8,655.00	3,703.90	73,630.30	3,128.00	3,918.00	3,162.00	109,510.20
Craven	19,490.40	10,666.25	5,388.09	120,331.13	0	4,634.00	46.00	160,555.87
Cumberland	58,320.42	40,008.40	29,223.65	497,842.62	6,239.00	9,927.00	0	641,561.07
Currituck	2,745.00	1,977.50	372.00	25,396.00	0	0	0	30,490.50
Dare	4,856.00	2,957.00	423.00	39,131.00	0	988.00	0	48,355.00
Duplin	19,215.95	14,341.93	2,023.00	108,471.69	0	2,231.00	4,530.85	150,814.42
Durham	52,580.39	9,540.25	7,553.00	211,701.47	0	22,335.00	0	303,710.11
Edgecombe	16,866.00	13,495.35	5,015.00	94,174.10	5,034.00	6,315.00	1,613.00	142,512.45
Forsyth	76,693.00	14,472.84	12,730.49	295,467.90	1,793.00	46,892.60	0	448,049.83
Franklin	9,436.60	5,630.90	2,467.70	46,768.20	0	1,535.75	712.00	66,551.15
Gaston	54,976.00	30,465.00	14,170.00	184,760.77	0	16,490.00	455.00	301,316.77
Gates	2,876.00	2,370.00	469.00	19,197.00	0	0	0	24,912.00

County	Facility Fees County	Officer Fees County	Jail Fees County	Fines & Forfeitures County	Facility Fees Municipality	Officer Fees Municipality	Jail Fees Municipality	Total
Graham	1,407.00	1,120.00	723.00	13,217.00	0	110.00	0	16,577.00
Granville	11,380.00	7,422.00	3,948.00	92,790.01	22.00	1,979.00	650.00	118,191.01
Greene	5,339.00	4,496.00	976.50	26,114.13	0	350.00	0	37,275.63
Gulford	146,594.00	29,788.74	26,734.25	467,157.84	0	78,810.45	0	749,085.28
Halifax	15,198.31	12,749.17	3,152.10	132,783.06	3,765.00	4,232.92	4,507.00	176,387.56
Harnett	13,846.97	9,947.99	1,944.00	73,980.69	5,696.00	4,563.00	3,650.00	113,628.65
Haywood	12,467.75	7,311.50	3,770.00	83,995.00	882.00	3,248.50	357.00	112,031.75
Henderson	13,978.00	7,878.84	4,863.00	65,416.98	0	2,814.00	0	94,950.84
Hertford	8,492.00	5,292.23	1,384.90	52,615.00	0	1,875.50	0	69,659.03
Hoke	6,657.00	4,609.67	2,797.18	39,796.59	0	306.00	0	54,166.44
Hyde	2,042.00	1,526.00	444.00	16,866.91	0	0	0	20,878.91
Jackson	4,544.00	3,708.00	3,216.00	32,984.90	0	0	0	44,452.90
Johnston	19,611.50	13,116.00	5,905.60	101,789.60	4,721.00	5,508.00	3,195.85	153,847.55
Jones	2,130.00	1,782.00	417.00	7,852.00	0	0	0	12,181.00
Lee	15,254.75	9,853.43	5,775.50	59,086.00	0	4,789.00	251.75	95,010.43
Lenoir	24,981.85	11,936.03	4,652.77	129,204.87	0	6,064.15	3,897.00	180,736.67
Lincoln	11,839.50	10,726.00	3,346.26	63,759.44	0	1,010.80	0	90,682.00
Macon	2,929.00	2,446.00	826.00	26,976.00	0	544.00	96.00	33,817.00
Madison	2,973.06	2,848.60	1,216.00	20,837.70	0	0	0	27,875.36
Martin	11,315.00	6,165.00	1,586.00	63,186.70	0	1,947.00	0	84,199.70
McDowell	10,859.44	6,174.10	4,457.30	53,103.70	0	702.50	86.00	75,383.04
Mecklenburg	149,471.46	29,194.00	831.00	606,781.56	0	69,875.00	16.00	856,169.02
Mitchell	3,188.08	3,437.28	1,320.00	17,290.00	302.00	342.00	0	25,879.36
Moore	12,258.50	7,854.00	3,542.00	96,066.70	1,344.00	2,842.00	1,670.40	125,577.60
Nash	15,672.00	15,173.80	4,078.00	112,589.50	8,749.00	7,187.00	3,053.00	166,502.30
New Hanover	38,214.50	10,726.00	10,890.50	135,053.24	0	18,712.00	751.00	214,347.24
Northampton	6,378.00	5,444.60	3,206.00	52,055.85	0	355.00	0	67,439.45
Onslow	32,697.00	20,238.00	11,485.00	257,912.29	5,078.00	6,156.00	0	328,488.29
Orange	10,451.00	7,650.50	940.00	99,165.20	0	5,587.00	241.50	129,113.20
Pamlico	2,707.00	2,524.75	321.00	19,129.35	0	0	0	24,682.10
Pasquotank	7,563.70	3,019.00	610.00	46,144.00	0	1,569.00	0	58,905.70
Pender	8,221.00	6,210.00	1,707.00	39,908.00	0	522.00	0	56,568.00
Perquimans	2,215.70	1,927.00	435.00	16,702.00	0	142.00	0	21,421.70
Person	10,990.00	4,117.00	2,220.00	66,535.00	116.00	3,152.00	0	87,130.00

County	Facility Fees County	Officer Fees County	Jail Fees County	Fines & Forfeitures County	Facility Fees Municipality	Officer Fees Municipality	Jail Fees Municipality	Total
Pitt	23,231.00	12,469.00	9,555.00	159,241.25	6,302.00	10,064.00	2,706.00	223,568.25
Polk	2,293.00	1,502.50	3,274.00	11,699.00	0	326.00	0	19,094.50
Richmond	12,038.50	8,832.00	4,078.90	64,908.69	0	1,942.00	948.00	92,748.09
Robeson	26,313.33	21,170.80	4,476.50	235,422.37	10,846.00	7,116.25	5,803.00	311,148.25
Rutherford	14,925.11	8,091.10	5,854.10	63,709.21	0	3,153.70	900.00	96,633.22
Sampson	16,469.00	12,119.50	5,193.10	124,100.70	601.00	1,434.00	159.00	160,076.30
Scotland	10,355.00	6,107.00	5,371.00	73,376.45	0	2,152.00	0	97,361.45
Stanly	13,475.00	4,778.00	3,149.66	72,411.00	0	4,192.40	0	98,006.06
Swain	2,751.00	1,954.00	3,043.00	21,024.00	0	340.00	0	29,112.00
Transylvania	4,411.00	1,814.00	2,775.00	16,511.00	0	928.00	0	26,439.00
Tyrrell	1,041.00	977.00	107.00	4,733.00	0	6.00	0	6,864.00
Union	16,017.00	9,250.00	5,169.00	105,893.00	0	2,903.00	0	139,232.00
Vance	13,687.08	5,769.05	4,588.00	67,518.78	0	3,462.00	0	95,024.91
Wake	129,577.27	40,960.65	21,416.17	421,213.58	6,545.00	62,111.10	2,009.40	683,833.17
Warren	5,914.67	3,683.00	2,389.00	31,122.00	0	452.00	56.00	43,616.67
Washington	4,305.00	3,283.50	798.00	23,733.00	0	654.00	0	32,778.50
Watauga	6,260.20	6,778.00	1,633.00	36,974.52	0	754.00	0	52,399.72
Wayne	31,346.10	13,960.46	8,959.00	130,363.36	840.00	8,528.00	1,008.00	195,004.92
Wilson	21,726.00	15,845.61	5,474.00	86,376.00	0	3,193.00	62.00	132,676.61
Yancey	3,303.00	2,704.50	2,065.00	21,393.00	0	164.00	0	29,629.50
TOTALS	\$1,555,216.07	\$760,464.29	\$367,023.07	\$8,083,368.70	\$100,543.00	\$521,920.07	\$56,558.17	\$11,445,093.37

REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENTS

ASSIGNED COUNSEL

When the *Gideon* Case was decided in 1963, the North Carolina General Assembly was in session, and it thereupon passed an act appropriating funds to pay counsel appointed to represent indigent defendants. Entitlement was extended as a matter of right to indigents charged with a felony and awaiting trial in the Superior Court. The Superior Court judges were given the discretionary authority to appoint counsel to represent an indigent charged with a misdemeanor if the circumstances required. Each succeeding session of the General Assembly broadened the entitlement. Under the current law, an indigent person is entitled to counsel in the following actions and proceedings:

- (1) Any felony case, and any misdemeanor case for which the authorized punishment exceeds six months imprisonment or a five hundred dollars (\$500.00) fine;
- (2) A hearing on a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under Chapter 17, of the General Statutes;
- (3) A post-conviction proceeding under Chapter 15 of the General Statutes;
- (4) A hearing for revocation of probation, if counsel was provided at trial or if confinement of more than six months is possible as a result of the hearing;
- (5) A hearing in which extradition to another state is sought;
- (6) A proceeding for judicial hospitalization under Chapter 122, Article 11 (Mentally Ill Criminals), of the General Statutes;
- (7) A civil arrest and bail proceeding under Chapter 1, Article 34, of the General Statutes; and
- (8) In the case of a juvenile, a hearing as a result of which commitment to an institution or transfer to the superior court for trial on a felony charge is possible.

In each of the actions and proceedings referred to above, entitlement to the services of counsel begins as soon as feasible after the indigent is taken into custody or service is made upon him of the charge, petition, notice or other process, and continues through any critical stage of the proceeding, including

- (1) An in-custody interrogation;
- (2) A pretrial identification procedure at which the presence of the indigent is required;

- (3) A hearing for the reduction of bail, or to fix bail if bail has been earlier denied;
- (4) A preliminary hearing;
- (5) Trial and sentencing; and
- (6) Direct review of any judgment or decree, including review by the United States Supreme Court of final judgments or decrees rendered by the highest court of North Carolina in which decision may be had.

As would be expected, the costs of the indigent defendant program have increased along with the liberalized entitlement. During the first year of operation (fiscal year 1963-64), counsel was appointed in 3,003 cases and expenditures amounted to \$238,956. During the next succeeding five fiscal years, the cases and expenditures were as follows:

Fiscal Year	Cases	Expenditures
1964-65	3,941	\$390,427
1965-66	4,450	491,600
1966-67	4,652	537,216
1967-68	5,380	670,067
1968-69	5,515	767,265

For the 1969-70 fiscal year, the number of cases in which counsel was assigned and the total disbursements are shown in the table below broken down by counties grouped into judicial districts:

Cases		Expenditures	Cases		Expenditures
<i>1ST DISTRICT</i>			<i>4TH DISTRICT</i>		
Camden	9	\$ 1,175	Duplin	49	\$ 4,912
Chowan	22	2,600	Jones	6	800
Currituck	3	300	Onslow	69	9,160
Dare	2	225	Sampson	45	4,760
Gates	5	525	TOTAL	169	19,632
Pasquotank	28	3,280	<i>5TH DISTRICT</i>		
Perquimans	10	1,550	New Hanover	241	29,135
TOTAL	79	9,655	Pender	28	2,785
<i>2ND DISTRICT</i>			TOTAL	269	31,920
Beaufort	52	5,120	<i>6TH DISTRICT</i>		
Hyde	4	1,500	Bertie	32	3,314
Martin	26	2,170	Halifax	95	9,044
Tyrrell	3	345	Hertford	19	1,365
Washington	23	2,705	Northampton	18	3,428
TOTAL	108	11,840	TOTAL	164	17,151
<i>3RD DISTRICT</i>			<i>7TH DISTRICT</i>		
Carteret	53	5,605	Edgecombe	88	10,310
Craven	69	9,030	Nash	107	22,004
Pamlico	5	560	Wilson	135	17,648
Pitt	183	19,570	TOTAL	330	49,962
TOTAL	310	34,765			

	Cases	Expenditures		Cases	Expenditures
<i>8TH DISTRICT</i>			<i>19TH DISTRICT</i>		
Greene	15	\$ 2,035	Cabarrus	179	\$20,134
Lenoir	70	9,890	Montgomery	41	4,360
Wayne	69	8,465	Randolph	67	7,863
TOTAL	154	20,390	Rowan	68	9,275
<i>9TH DISTRICT</i>			TOTAL	355	41,632
Franklin	54	8,682	<i>20TH DISTRICT</i>		
Granville	38	4,450	Anson	30	4,555
Person	32	3,680	Moore	45	4,145
Vance	43	6,295	Richmond	137	15,765
Warren	25	2,875	Stanly	62	6,210
TOTAL	192	25,982	Union	90	10,455
<i>10TH DISTRICT</i>			TOTAL	364	41,130
Wake	385	54,171	<i>21ST DISTRICT</i>		
<i>11TH DISTRICT</i>			Forsyth	333	56,191
Harnett	45	6,500	<i>22ND DISTRICT</i>		
Johnston	43	8,150	Alexander	7	915
Lee	27	3,095	Davidson	81	14,225
TOTAL	115	17,745	Davie	15	2,770
<i>12TH DISTRICT</i>			Iredell	41	5,150
Cumberland	258	47,110	TOTAL	144	23,060
Hoke	15	2,225	<i>23RD DISTRICT</i>		
TOTAL	273	49,335	Alleghany	6	800
<i>13TH DISTRICT</i>			Ashe	13	1,485
Bladen	37	2,880	Wilkes	37	5,700
Brunswick	26	4,070	Yadkin	7	800
Columbus	81	8,415	TOTAL	63	8,785
TOTAL	144	15,365	<i>24TH DISTRICT</i>		
<i>14TH DISTRICT</i>			Avery	12	2,635
Durham	332	61,617	Madison	15	2,840
<i>15TH DISTRICT</i>			Mitchell	6	555
Alamance	149	25,743	Watauga	36	6,505
Chatham	28	3,815	Yancey	10	715
Orange	69	11,785	TOTAL	79	13,250
TOTAL	246	41,343	<i>25TH DISTRICT</i>		
<i>16TH DISTRICT</i>			Burke	93	14,035
Robeson	176	26,082	Caldwell	98	13,065
Scotland	88	9,469	Catawba	134	22,634
TOTAL	264	35,551	TOTAL	325	49,734
<i>17TH DISTRICT</i>			<i>26TH DISTRICT</i>		
Caswell	11	1,200	Mecklenburg	482	85,907
Rockingham	64	8,485	<i>27TH DISTRICT</i>		
Stokes	8	1,050	Cleveland	162	19,008
Surry	35	5,875	Gaston	316	36,690
TOTAL	118	16,610	Lincoln	38	3,715
<i>18TH DISTRICT</i>			TOTAL	516	59,413
Guilford	502	87,430	<i>28TH DISTRICT</i>		
			Buncombe	240	30,663

29TH DISTRICT			30TH DISTRICT		
	Cases	Expenditures		Cases	Expenditures
Henderson	83	\$10,040	Cherokee	20	\$ 3,775
McDowell	43	5,375	Clay	5	650
Polk	43	5,213	Graham	2	800
Rutherford	68	6,766	Haywood	41	6,340
Transylvania	27	2,715	Jackson	23	2,045
TOTAL	264	30,109	Macon	7	1,400
			Swain	9	470
			TOTAL	107	15,480
			GRAND		
			TOTAL	7,426	\$1,055,818

The total cost of operating the indigent defendant program during the year was \$1,171,933.54. Receipts from payments made on judgments entered against the indigents amounted to \$26,414.88.

The great increase in the cases of assigned counsel has led some to conclude that the judges are not screening the cases as carefully as they should and that many who are not indigent are receiving representation at the expense of the taxpayers.

Concern has been expressed as to the incidence of indigency among the defendants in criminal cases processed by our courts. As to the trial courts this data is not available. In the appellate division it is available and interesting. Of the criminal appeals docketed in the Court of Appeals during calendar year 1968, 70.3% involved indigents. The figures for 1969 and 1970 were 72.2% and 76.1%, respectively. In the Supreme Court, 73.1% of the criminal appeals docketed in 1968 were brought by indigents. During the two succeeding years the percentages were 71.8% and 81.1%, respectively. This data would seem to support the inference already drawn by some on the basis of the records on appeal that many indigents come to the appellate court for no other apparent reason than that the court is there. Some thought has been given in the past to the possibility of restricting the unlimited access to the appellate division. The continuing barrage of appeals, many of which involve no substantial question, may revive that thought.

THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

The 1969 General Assembly, upon recommendation of the Courts Commission, elected to try a new approach to the problem of representation of indigents. It established the office of Public Defender in the 12th and 18th judicial districts effective January 1, 1970. Public Defenders are appointed by the Governor to a four-year term of office and are paid the same salary as the Solicitors. Each defender is entitled to at least one full-time assistant defender and one investigator. Secretarial support and additional assistants and investigators may be authorized by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

On January 1, 1970, Sol G. Cherry of Fayetteville entered the office of Public Defender in the 12th district and Wallace C. Harrelson of Greensboro assumed office in the 18th district. Each office began operation with a minimal staff and received increased allocations only after the needs were clearly demonstrated. During the period from January 1 to June 30, 1970, operating costs of these offices were \$26,248.15 in the 12th district and \$32,843.12 in the 18th district.

These offices have not operated a sufficient length of time to support a conclusive judgment that the interests of the State are better served in a metropolitan area by the Public Defender system than by assigned counsel. However, there is strong evidence that a defender office staffed as are the two now in existence provides better representation. This cannot be statistically demonstrated but it is supported by the overwhelming majority of interested court officials in the areas affected who have been called upon to evaluate the system. That the two offices have been busy is unquestioned. During the 1970 calendar year, the office in the 18th district was assigned 949 persons involved in the following charges or proceedings:

Felonies	877
Serious Misdemeanors	396
Post Conviction Hearings	15
Probation Revocation Hearings	49
Juvenile Hearings	213
"Other" Proceedings	5

In the course of its representation, the office made 612 appearances in district court, 404 in superior court, and 9 in the appellate courts.

The 12th district office was assigned persons involved in charges or proceedings as follows:

Felonies	644
Serious Misdemeanors	370
Post Conviction Hearings	5
Probation Revocation Hearings	8
Juvenile Hearings	15
"Other" Proceedings	9

That office made 601 appearances in district court, 239 in superior court, and 4 in the appellate courts.

TABLE I

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Tarboro

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Judicial Council

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Trial Judges of the General Court of Justice

Superior Court Division *

District	Judge	City
1	Walter W. Cohoon	Elizabeth City
2	Elbert S. Peel, Jr.	Williamston
3	Robert D. Rouse, Jr.	Farmville
4	Howard H. Hubbard	Clinton
5	Bradford Tillery	Wilmington
	Joshua S. James	Maple Hill
6	Joseph W. Parker	Windsor
7	George M. Fountain	Tarboro
8	Albert W. Cowper	Kinston
9	Hamilton H. Hobgood	Louisburg
10	William Y. Bickett	Raleigh
	James H. Pou Bailey	Raleigh
11	Harry E. Canaday	Benson
12	E. Maurice Braswell	Fayetteville
	Coy E. Brewer	Fayetteville
13	Edward B. Clark	Elizabethtown
14	Clarence W. Hall	Durham
15	Thomas D. Cooper, Jr.	Burlington
16	Henry A. McKinnon, Jr.	Lumberton
17	James M. Long	Yanceyville
18	Walter E. Crissman	High Point
	James G. Exum, Jr.	Greensboro
	Charles T. Kivett	Greensboro
19	Frank M. Armstrong	Troy
	Thomas W. Seay, Jr.	Spencer
20	John D. McConnell	Southern Pines
21	Walter E. Johnston, Jr.	Winston-Salem
	Harvey A. Lupton	Winston-Salem
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23	Robert M. Gambill	North Wilkesboro.
24	W. E. Anglin	Burnsville
25	Sam J. Ervin, III	Morganton
26	Fred H. Hasty	Charlotte
	William T. Grist	Charlotte
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27	B. T. Falls, Jr.	Shelby
	John R. Friday	Lincolnton
28	W. K. McLean	Asheville
	Harry C. Martin	Asheville
29	J. W. Jackson	Hendersonville
30	T. D. Bryson	Bryson City

* In districts with more than one judge, the senior resident judge is listed first.

Special Judges, Superior Court

Judge	City
Fate J. Beal	Lenoir
James C. Bowman	Southport
J. William Copeland	Murfreesboro
Robert M. Martin	High Point
Hubert E. May	Nashville
Lacy H. Thornburg	Webster
A. Pilston Godwin, Jr.	Raleigh
Marvin K. Blount, Jr.	Greenville

Emergency Judges, Superior Court

Walter J. Bone	Nashville
W. H. S. Burgwyn	Woodland
Zeb V. Nettles	Asheville
Hubert E. Olive	Lexington
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1	Fentress Horner Wilton F. Walker, Jr.		Elizabeth City Currituck
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3	J. W. H. Roberts Charles H. Whedbee Herbert O. Phillips, III Robert D. Wheeler		Greenville Greenville Morehead City Grifton
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6	J. T. Maddrey Joseph D. Blythe Ballard S. Gay		Weldon Harrellsville Jackson

* The chief district judge is listed first.

District	Judge	City
7	J. Phil Carlton Allen W. Harrell Tom H. Matthews Ben H. Neville	Pinetops Wilson Rocky Mount Whitakers
8	W. Milton Nowell Herbert W. Hardy Emmett R. Wooten Lester W. Pate	Mount Olive Maury Kinston Kinston
9	Julius Banzet Claude W. Allen, Jr. Linwood T. Peoples	Warrenton Oxford Henderson
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15	Harry Horton Stanley Peele D. Marsh McLelland Coleman Cates	Pittsboro Chapel Hill Graham Burlington
16	Samuel E. Britt John S. Gardner Charles G. McLean	Lumberton Lumberton Lumberton
17	Leonard H. van Noppen Foy Clark George M. Harris Frank Freeman	Danbury Mount Airy Yanceyville Dobson
18	E. D. Kuykendall, Jr. Byron Haworth Elreta M. Alexander Herman G. Enochs, Jr. B. Gordon Gentry Edward K. Washington Kenneth M. Carrington	Greensboro High Point Greensboro Greensboro Greensboro Jamestown Greensboro
19	Hal H. Walker L. T. Hammond, Jr. Robert L. Warren Frank M. Montgomery Odell Sapp	Asheboro Asheboro Concord Salisbury Salisbury

District	Judge	City
20	F. Fetzner Mills Edward E. Crutchfield Walter M. Lampley A. A. Webb	Wadesboro Albemarle Rockingham Rockingham
21	Abner Alexander Buford T. Henderson Rhoda B. Billings John Clifford A. Lincoln Sherk	Winston-Salem Winston-Salem Winston-Salem Winston-Salem Winston-Salem
22	Hubert E. Olive, Jr. L. Roy Hughes Preston Cornelius C. H. Dearman	Lexington Thomasville Troutman Statesville
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TABLE IV

Solicitors and Assistant Solicitors *

District	Solicitor and Assistants	City
1	John H. Small Thomas S. Watts	Elizabeth City Elizabeth City
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3	Eli Bloom William H. Barker James Clayton Mills	Greenville Greenville Greenville
4	Walter T. Britt Dale P. Johnson Kenneth W. Turner	Clinton Clinton Rose Hill
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6	W. H. S. Burgwyn, Jr. W. E. Murphrey, III	Woodland Roanoke Rapids
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8	F. Ogden Parker D. M. Jacobs P. H. Crawford, Jr.	Goldsboro Goldsboro Kinston
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10	William G. Ransdell, Jr. James R. Fullwood T. W. H. Alexander William A. Smith, Jr. J. R. Hiner	Raleigh Raleigh Raleigh Raleigh Raleigh
11	John W. Twisdale F. J. Ward, Jr.	Smithfield Sanford
12	Jack A. Thompson Robert F. Page Daniel T. Perry, III Edward W. Grannis, Jr. Ed Lynn Johnson	Fayetteville Fayetteville Fayetteville Fayetteville Fayetteville
13	Lee J. Greer J. Wilton Hunt	Whiteville Whiteville
14	Anthony Brannon Henry M. Michaux, Jr.	Durham Durham
15	Herbert F. Pierce Charles E. Vickery Q. H. Caviness John H. Snyder	Graham Chapel Hill Siler City Burlington
16	John B. Regan William A. Hough Charles D. Ratley	Saint Pauls Fairmont Red Springs

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18	William D. Albright Walter E. Clark Emil S. Schlosser, Jr. Howard D. Cole A. Leon Stanback, Jr. Richard M. Dailey, Jr.	Greensboro Greensboro Greensboro Greensboro Greensboro Greensboro
19	James E. Roberts Reuben F. James Milton B. Shoaf, Jr. Richard F. Thurston	Kannapolis Concord Salisbury Salisbury
20	Carroll R. Lowder Z. V. Morgan Joe McCollum, Jr.	Monroe Hamlet Monroe
21	Frank J. Yeager Alvin A. Thomas James C. Yeatts, III Richard R. Lyle Thomas J. Keith	Walkerton Winston-Salem Bethania Winston-Salem Winston-Salem
22	H. W. Zimmerman, Jr. Edward L. Hedrick	Lexington Taylorville
23	J. A. Hayes Franklin B. Harding	Moravian Falls Yadkinville
24	Clyde M. Roberts James T. Rusher	Marshall Asheville
25	Donald E. Greene Benjamin H. Beach J. Laird Jacob, Jr. Samuel M. Tate	Hickory Lenoir Valdese Morganton
26	Thomas F. Moore, Jr. William O. Austin Peter S. Gilchrist, III William F. Hulse J. Robert Rankin Neal C. Williams Paul J. Williams	Matthews Charlotte Charlotte Charlotte Charlotte Charlotte Charlotte
27	W. Hampton Childs, Jr. Robert C. Powell Arnold M. Harris Julian B. Wray William L. Morris James R. Phillips	Lincolnton Dallas Ellenboro Shelby Lincolnton Gastonia
28	Robert D. Lewis Robert W. Fisher Thomas E. L. Lipsey, II	Asheville Asheville Asheville
29	M. Leonard Lowe J. O. Wells Jack M. Freeman	Rutherfordton Brevard Forest City
30	Marcellus Buchanan, III James H. Howell, Jr.	Sylva Waynesville

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TABLE V

Public Defenders and Assistant Public Defenders *

District	Public Defender and Assistants	City
12	Sol G. Cherry William S. Geimer James G. Taylor	Fayetteville Fayetteville Chapel Hill
18	Wallace C. Harrelson Dalmar L. Dowda Robert D. Douglas, III James D. Shepherd	Greensboro Greensboro Greensboro Greensboro

TABLE VI

Clerks of Superior Court

County	Clerk of Court
Alamance	Wiley P. Wooten
Alexander	Atwell B. Bumgarner
Alleghany	Glenn Basic
Anson	H. C. Tucker
Ashe	Virginia D. Winebarger
Avery	Dean B. Eller
Beaufort	Bessie J. Cherry
Bertie	Robert E. Williford
Bladen	Carl C. Campbell
Brunswick	J. E. Brown
Buncombe	J. Ray Elingburg
Burke	T. G. Bumgarner
Cabarrus	Estus B. White
Caldwell	Mary H. Thompson
Camden	Caroline G. Halstead
Carteret	A. H. James
Caswell	Julian P. Moore
Catawba	Eunice Mauney
Chatham	J. W. Drake
Cherokee	James C. Howse
Chowan	Lena M. Leary
Clay	Ralph A. Allison
Cleveland	Ruth S. Dedmon
Columbus	Lacy R. Thompson
Craven	Dorothy P. Pate
Cumberland	Marion B. Person
Currituck	R. E. Saunders
Dare	C. S. Meekins
Davidson	Elmer R. Everhart
Davie	Glenn L. Hammer
Duplin	John A. Johnson
Durham	Alton Knight
Edgecombe	Don Gilliam, Jr.
Forsyth	A. E. Blackburn
Franklin	Ralph S. Knott
Gaston	George C. Holland
Gates	S. Hayes Carter, Jr.

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County

Graham
Granville
Greene
Guilford
Halifax
Harnett
Haywood
Henderson
Hertford
Hoke
Hyde
Iredell
Jackson
Johnston
Jones
Lee
Lenoir
Lincoln
Macon
Madison
Martin
McDowell
Mecklenburg
Mitchell
Montgomery
Moore
Nash
New Hanover
Northampton
Onslow
Orange
Pamlico
Pasquotank
Pender
Perquimans
Person
Pitt
Polk
Randolph
Richmond
Robeson
Rockingham
Rowan
Rutherford
Sampson
Scotland
Stanly
Stokes
Surry
Swain
Transylvania
Tyrrell
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Vance
Wake
Warren
Washington
Watauga
Wayne
Wilkes
Wilson
Yadkin
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Robert Miller
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Shelton Jordan
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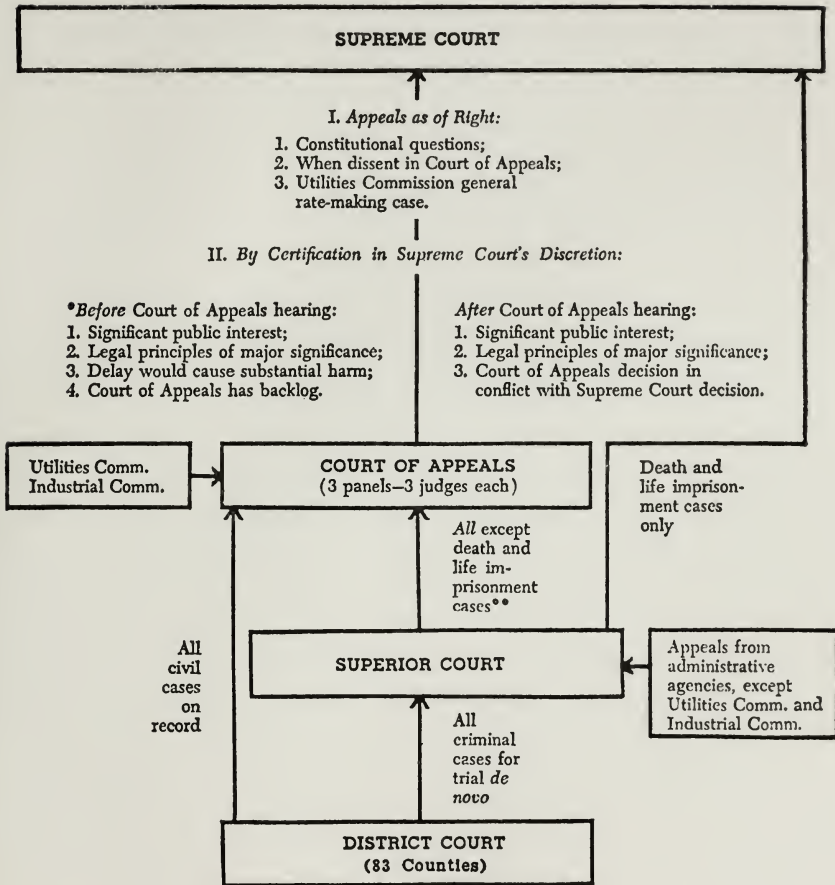
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TABLE VII
GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Routes of Appeal—



*Utilities and Industrial Comm. cases *must* be heard by Court of Appeals *before* Supreme Court can hear.

****Post-conviction hearing appeals go to Court of Appeals by writ of certiorari only, and no further, except the State may move for certification to the Supreme Court under G.S. 7A-31(a).**

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